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Amusements. ALBANY'S "HUNCH OF KEYS." NATIONAL "WAGES OF SIN."

DELAWARE continues to glory in the shame of her whipping post. The usual December disturbance on Capitol Hill will be inaugurated two weeks from today.

SENATOR-ELECT MITCHELL, of Oregon, does not appear to have given any pledge that he may not keep and still remain in the commission and fellowship of the Republican senatorial caucus.

THE SERBS found out, to their intense disgust, that the Bulgars who fought and ran away had lived right another day—and they fought well as soon as they were quite ready for the circus to begin.

HAVING succeeded in capturing his native wilds a statu quo ante and a tout ensemble, the Washington Critic is moved to still more daring deeds. It now proposes to fit out an expedition, consisting of two of its gallant young men, to go forth in quest of a sine qua non and a coup de grace.

THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN makes its bow—"none of your impudent off-hand bows" but respectful and deferential obedience—to the Washington Critic for the graceful compliment conveyed in the cartoon of "The Talking Well." Our esteemed contemporary's cartoon gallery is steadily improving. Some of its recent achievements have been equal to the best of the more pretentious illustrated newspapers in New York city.

Mr. Farnell's Manifesto. Mr. Farnell closes the campaign with a manifesto, issued by his lieutenants, which is a striking arraignment of the liberal party. It is to be put into the hands of every voter in Great Britain before he casts his ballot for a member of parliament.

The German capital. Finding that all this did not disturb the serenity of the American temper the chancery has taken another step in the same general direction. It is understood that Minister Platen has already entered a protest against the explosion of Americans, and there is no reason to doubt that the Department of State will support him in doing all that the occasion demands. Indeed, we have no doubt that he would seriously offend the Secretary of State and the administration as a whole if he were to show any hesitancy in taking any proper step for the protection of American citizens in all their rights.

The People Have Decreed It. "I take if you mean to be sarcastic," writes a correspondent, "when you say we are coming upon a time when there is likely to be something like stability in the tenure of department positions."

Our correspondent is in error. The REPUBLICAN used the words quoted to convey a serious impression honestly entertained. This belief rests on the confidence we have in the growth of a healthy public sentiment in relation to the civil service. That confidence is fully justified by the events of the past eight or ten years. He who cannot see that there has been a continuous and vigorous advance of the opposition to the spoils system and the identification of the federal appointments with the spoils system, has failed to note the most conspicuous phase of the political situation, and the most significant sign of the times.

Our correspondent indulges in some very pointed reflections on a number of changes recently made in some of the departments, and concludes that "there will be a clean sweep of all the Republicans in all the departments before the close of President Cleveland's term." It is undoubtedly true that the changes referred to are violations of the spirit of civil service reform in that they are made for political reasons only. They reflect incapacity, and fidelity, and put inexperienced and uncertain in place thereof. They are not such changes as prudent business men would make in the conduct of their own affairs. They are a concession to the hoarse division of the spoils in the old and condemned way.

But we must remind our correspondent that not one of the removals he cites violates the letter of the civil service law; not one of the appointments he names touches the text of that statute in any manner. It may be said, further, with absolute truth, that with the three or four exceptions in the general land office, not a single appointment to the classified service has been made in violation of that law since the inauguration of President Cleveland. The law is being generally respected. It is true, also, that a good many officials and employees do not come within the purview of the law as they have placed themselves outside of its scope.

An interview with the President published some weeks ago was understood by sundry Democratic organs as a declaration by the President in favor of pass examinations. If such a plan were adopted it would practically nullify the intent of the civil service act. How and why it would have this effect we have heretofore explained.

But the President, through Col. Lamont, private secretary, promptly repudiated the interpretation which the organs had placed on his words. He says that the Sterling case was purposely made an exception, and he gives no hint of any intention to make such amendments of the rules as will open the civil service chute to the bosses and spoils lords.

It is well known that this law is entirely dependent on the President for success or failure. He can amend the rules controlling its operations at his pleasure. He found the law doing good work under a friendly administration. Thus far he has not made any amendment of which the friends of civil service reform can reasonably complain. What may be done in the future we do not undertake to predict. If he should act in accordance with the demands of his party he would straighten the law and transfer it to his pledges of reform. But it is not fair to suppose he will take that course in face of his declaration that he has no such intention.

To come back to the original text, "We are coming upon a time when there is likely to be something like stability in the tenure of department positions," we have only to say that, whether this administration should in the end prove true or false to the civil service law, the reform which that law was intended to promote will go on. An unduly friendly administration may impede, but cannot stop it. No party or combination of parties can kill it. The people have decreed its consummation. Sooner or later, and not many years hence at the latest, we shall have a non-partisan civil service, so far as it relates to all minor officials. We shall have, too, a complete divorce between the great central government and the local self-government, and they will effectively isolate that the federal government shall take charge of the civil service. But it will insist that the men who are hired to do their work under the federal system shall attend to their business, neither sacrificing by their appointment their rights as citizens, nor incurring thereby obligations to take charge of state campaigns.

THE NEW NATIONAL. The realistic melodrama, "The Wages of Sin," replete with gorgeous scenic effects and thrilling situations, will be presented at the New National Theater tonight by the Maury and Overton company. The play is interesting and the company said to be very good.

THE DIME MUSEUM. The thrilling drama, "Rose Mitchell," for this week, OTHO SCOTT the star. His talent has been fully recognized and honored. Old lovers of the stage will remember with pleasure his membership in the National's stock years ago. George Lewis, W. Ralph Towler, and Lee and Victor are also in the cast.

THE CONGRESS TO BE GIVEN AT CONGRESSIONAL CHURCH on Tuesday night by Miss Cavellia Ross, the celebrated "violin virtuosa," will be a most interesting and enjoyable affair. The sale of seats for the Thomas concert on Friday evening at the home of her professor, Mrs. M. H. Ross, is now in progress. The concert will be given at 8 o'clock.

DR. HIDDEN, SPECIALIST, THROAT AND LUNGS, AT WILLARD'S TO-DAY FROM 12 TO 2 P. M. Free consultation, 12 to 1 P. M.

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