

Our Washington Letter.

With the exception of a national convention which fuses suddenly upon the Presidential nomination of a Polk, a Pierce, or a Hayes, there is no spectacle in this country so depressing to a believer in republican government as the ordinary close of a session of Congress adjourned *sine die* yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, the delay being caused in the engrossment of the Sundry Civil bill. The scenes in the House during the closing hours were of the wildest description, many of the members being decidedly the worse for liquor. Everything was confusion and disorder, and after two o'clock recesses were taken every other hour as a means of restoring order and bringing members to their senses. The galleries were thronged throughout the night, and the drunken ribaldry of many of the spectators added to the din. Many captions and unimportant amendments were made to the sundry civil bill, and it kept oscillating between the two houses every two or three hours. During the recesses in the Houses, the pages joined by members, amused themselves by singing comic songs, and the galleries joining in the choruses, made the welkin ring. From indications the proceedings of the House may be aptly described as a H. O. F.—"high old time."

The Senate relaxed somewhat from its customary dignity, but was a convent of quiet and order in comparison with the other end of the capitol. While waiting upon the House, several unimportant bills were disposed of, and at 7 o'clock the hands of the clock were turned back for about ten minutes in order to allow action of a few minor nominations just made by the President. The Senate went into executive session, confirmed the nominations and upon opening the doors, adjourned.

President Hayes remained in his room on the Senate side all night up to the very minute of adjournment, the last bill he signed being the one providing for a commission to select a new site for the National Observatory. A good joke is told on the President. He had made all arrangements to attend the commencement of Princeton College, which takes place to-day, and where his son is to graduate. He was also looked for a speech there. With this idea in view he had gone to the Baltimore and Potomac depot last night, and was about to board the 9 o'clock Northern express, when he was captured by a committee of Senators and hustled off to the Capitol, where he was detained all night signing bills. It may be imagined that his feelings were not of the pleasantest.

The disgraceful scenes which signalized the last memorable night session will long be remembered, and if the names of those who figured most prominently in these Buchananian orgies are not given to the public, it is only because a feeling of patriotism and a sense of indignant shame, which brings the flush of anger to the cheek has led the representatives of the great papers in our cities to fling a charitable mantle of oblivion over the crying vices which ill-informed foreigners might possibly suppose to be national.

They form, alas, the outward manifestations of a dread disease, whose roots mournful spectacles are but the outcome and expression of those deadly symptoms which mark the feverish restlessness of a disjointed time, for when public decency is so far forgotten by the chosen lawgivers of the nation, it is because the civic virtues which made that nation great and glorious have been laid aside like cumbrances and forgotten garments in the Cave of Circe. This congress which has been in almost constant session since the 15th of last October (eight months,) has according to the saying of Senator Bayard, done less good and less harm than many persons expected. In fact one of its chief merits is that it has done very little; its sins are mostly sins of omission. Aside from the River and Harbor bill, it is guilty of not a single job and the lobby has done no business at all at this long session, for the river and Harbor bill is a job which needs no lobby. People who imagine that the business of a legislative body is to pass as many laws as possible will be disgusted with the beggarly account of the acts of the Forty-fifth Congress. But the more sensible people, who remember that Congress is never so near a blunder as when it votes and that debate is its real business, will be thankful to

have got off so well. The present Congress has done but little harm, if it has done absolutely no good. Considering that over four thousand bills were offered in the House alone during the eight months, and that numerous jobs pressed for recognition, the country has reason to be thankful that so little was done.

The House Committee on Expenditures in the Interior Department called in April last for a list of persons employed in that Department, who are related one to another by blood or marriage, to which Secretary Schurz has just made answer, from which it appears that there are employed under him in this city 12 persons who are related as brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; eight as father-in-law and son-in-law, 20, brother-in-laws, eight sisters, four fathers and sons, six brothers and sisters, fourteen nephews and uncles, twelve brothers, six fathers and daughters, six uncles and nieces, 2 aunt and niece, two mother-in-law and son-in-law, two mother and son. Total, 102. This is a very good showing for a single Department, and evinces an uncommon affection among the persons employed, especially on the part of the amiable individual who secured a place for his mother-in-law. It would be interesting reading to have an analysis of the number of the above who are related to bureau autocrats, chief clerks, appointment clerks and chiefs of divisions. It is to be hoped that the other executive department will define their position on this affectionate family theme. EDWARD.

THE NATIONAL PARK.

Depredations Committed by Vandal Tourists - Letter from Gen. Brislin.

Chicago Infer Ocean.

Gen. Brislin, of the Second cavalry, writes from Fort Ellis, Montana, a long complaint, which will be brought under the notice of the secretary of war, in regard to depredations committed in the national park by vandal tourists. He says that every year much damage is done by them in the national park in Montana, and that unless measures are soon taken to put a stop to the destruction the park will not long be worth preserving. "No where on earth," says the general, "are such wonders and such quantities of game to be found, and it will be a shame if the national authorities permit them to be destroyed. There are now in the park thousands of elk, so tame that a person can ride or walk about among them." The general says that one hunter has slaughtered as many as seventy-five of these animals in one day. They are not butchered for their meat and hide, but solely for sport. Besides the elk there are antelopes, deer, mountain sheep, and bears of all kinds. Flocks of 50 and one hundred mountain sheep are met with every day. The basins of the geysers have been huded of years in forming and a man can destroy in one day what cannot be reproduced in three times the space of his life. Many of the deposits are white mineral, tinged with gray, largely composed of alumina.

Much of it is arranged in layers of several inches in thickness, bound together by alternating layers of siliceous sinter. The action of the waters of the geysers and influence of the weather have induced an irregular cellular structure, which gives a delicate and attractive appearance to much of it. These formations are soft, and can be cut with a saw or broken by a hammer, and huge blocks are cut or broken and carried away every year. Some of the most beautiful formations have already been entirely destroyed, and can never be replaced. The disposition to vandalism seems to possess nearly every one who enters the park, and unless it is checked our wonderland must soon cease to be an object of interest.

The general recommends that immediate action be taken to prevent depredations by tourists. The entrances are easily guarded, and a sergeant and four men should be placed there on the Virginia City side, and an equal number on the Boseman side. It is also recommended that a soldier be sent with each party of visitors entering the park, to take note of damage done, and report. The laws of Montana and Wyoming are sufficiently severe to deter any one from damaging the park.

The report of Gen. Brislin is indorsed by Gen. Terry and Lieut. Gen. Sheridan, and a recommendation is made that all practical means be employed to put an end to the destruction of this property.

PROBATE NOTICE.

STATE OF MINNESOTA. }
COUNTY OF BROWN. }
Special Term June 13th, 1878.

In the Matter of the Estate of Levi L. Robbins deceased.

Whereas an instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said Levi L. Robbins deceased, late of said County, has been delivered to this Court.

And Whereas Sarah Robbins, has filed herewith a petition, representing among other things, that said Levi L. Robbins died in said County on the 2d day of April, 1875, testate, and that the said petitioner is the sole heir of said deceased, and no executor named in said last will and testament, therefore she prays, that said instrument may be admitted to probate, and that letters of Administration, with the will annexed, be issued to her thereon.

It is ordered, that the proofs of said instrument and the said petition be heard before this Court, at the probate office in said County, on the 15th day of July, 1878, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when all concerned may appear and contest the probate of said instrument.

And it is further ordered, that public notice of the time and place of said hearing be given to all persons interested, by publication of these orders for three weeks successively previous to said day of hearing, in the New Ulm Weekly Review, a newspaper printed and published at New Ulm, in said County.

A. WESTPHAL,
Judge of Probate.

PROBATE NOTICE.

PROBATE COURT,
Brown County, Minn. }
In the Matter of the Estate of Luman C. Gilbert Deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Theron L. Gilbert, praying for reasons therein set forth, that letters of Administration be issued to him.

It is ordered that Thursday the 11th day of July, 1878, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of the said deceased, and all other persons interested in said Estate are required to appear at a session of the Probate Court, then to be holden at the Probate Office, in said County, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered, that the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested in said Estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the New Ulm Review, a weekly newspaper printed and published at New Ulm, in said County of Brown, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. New Ulm, June 15th, A. D. 1878.

A. WESTPHAL, Judge of Probate.

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Now therefore, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained, and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed and the premises described in and covered by said mortgage, to wit: The West half of the South West quarter, of Section Twenty-seven (27) and the East half of the south East quarter, of Section Twenty-eight (28) in Township One Hundred and Nine (109) North, of Range Thirty-three (33) West, containing 160 acres according to Government Survey, situated in the County of Brown and State of Minnesota, with the hereditaments and appurtenances, will be sold at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, by the Sheriff of said County, at the front door of the office of said Sheriff, in the City of New Ulm, in said County and State aforesaid, on Thursday, the 8th day of August, A. D. 1878, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of paying the money due upon said mortgage, together with twenty-five dollars attorney's fees stipulated in said mortgage to be paid in case of foreclosure, and the disbursements allowed by law, subject to redemption at any time within one year from the day of sale, as provided by law.

Dated, New Ulm, Minn., June 20th, A. D. 1878.
George Baumgartner, Mortgagee.
J. Newhart, Attorney for Mortgagee.

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