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GOVERNMENTAL GOSSIP.

Gen. Crook Made Major-General to Succeed Gen. Terry.

COL. BROOKE TO BE BRIGADIER

Events of Interest In and About the Departments.

The President to-day sent to the Senate the following nominations:

Brigadier-General George Crook to be Major-General, to succeed General Terry.

Colonel John R. Brooke of the Third Infantry to be Brigadier-General.

Resignation of a Naval Cadet.—The resignation of Naval Cadet Cully F. Thomas of Tennessee, second class, has been accepted by the Secretary of the Navy.

Navy Pay-Office Appointments.—The following have been appointed to clerkships in the Navy pay office in this city: W. Harry Clark of Maryland, $1,000; J. H. Tillman of South Carolina, Warren C. Bennett of New York, $1,000. Lee S. McEwan of Tennessee has been appointed a messenger in the same office at $720.

At the White House.—Among the President's callers to-day were Senators Saulsbury, Ransom, Reagan and Hawley, Representatives Henderson of North Carolina, Wilson of Minnesota, Allen of Massachusetts, McShane, Thomas of Kentucky, McRae, Bacon, Forney, Springer, with Dr. Vernon of London; F. Campbell and Allen, with State Senator Croon and Mayor Whelan of Hillsdale, Mich.

Bills Approved.—The President has approved the act granting a pension to Mary S. Logan, widow of General J. A. Logan; the act to increase the pension of Mrs. Apolline A. Blair; the act for the relief of William G. Galloway, late captain in the army; the act for the relief of Frank Baker; the act making an appropriation to construct a road and approaches from Pineville, La., to the National Military Cemetery near that town, and the act to authorize the purchase of a site for a public building at Buffalo, N. Y.

Presentation to Commissioner Black.—General Black, Commissioner of Pensions, was to-day presented in an informal manner, by twenty-nine of the officials of the bureau, with a group of cabinet portraits of themselves, and the General, in imperial size, in the centre. The presentation speech was gracefully made by Mr. G. E. Browning, to which General Black responded. The picture is handsomely framed in gilt, is ten feet high by eight wide, and the portraits are set in shield shape, surrounded by twelve stars.

Minor and Personal.

The postoffice at Baynesville, Westmoreland County, Va., has been discontinued.

Captain Terry, custodian of the Interior Department, is busy preparing his advertisement for supplies for the ensuing year.

Eaton K. McNeill of Tennessee has been appointed a watchman in the Postoffice Department, vice John Fritt of Minnesota removed.

Postmasters appointed: Robert L. Frown, Munford, Botetourt County, and Lucinda J. Newton, Wallace's Switch, Washington County, Va.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

The Nipsic arrived at Montevideo this morning.

The dynamite cruiser Yorktown is to be launched at Cramp's yards, April 28.

The Richmond and the Ossipee sailed from Key West this morning for Pensacola, where the North Atlantic Squadron will rendezvous about April 17.

Leave of absence for one month, from April 9, has been granted First Lieutenant Eugene B. Bolton, adjutant Twenty-third Infantry (Fort Wayne, Mich.).

The Permanent Exposition Boom.

Hon. Logan H. Roots, formerly a prominent member of Congress from Arkansas, is at the Riggs House, and last evening he expressed himself quite enthusiastically about the proposed exhibition of the arts, industries and resources of the Three Americas to be held in Washington, 1892. "I was," said he, "talking with our United States Senator Jones last night and he thinks the movement to hold a grand exhibition of the products of American nations here in 1892 is growing in favor. Arkansas feels a deep interest in such a fortunate opportunity to present her resources, and I think all the Arkansas delegation will favor the necessary legislation."

Safety of the Lancaster.

The Lancaster, about whose safety there has been felt some apprehension, arrived this morning at Gibraltar. The vessel left Montevideo on January 18, and has, therefore, been seventy-eight days in making the cruise. The delay is attributed to the condition of her boilers, which were in such a state that they could not be used, making motion wholly dependent on her sails.

Five Dollars a Blow.

Chief Clerk James N. Lipscomb was before Judge Snell this morning, charged with an assault on Key, agent of the S. P. C. A. Mr. Lipscomb did not deny the assault, but said in extenuation that Key had called him a liar, and then he did his best to knock him down, but had failed. The lowest fine of $5 was imposed.

Confessed His Guilt.

George Davis was called for trial in the Criminal Court this morning on the charge of housebreaking in entering the residence of Julius Ulke on January 30, 1888. Before any testimony was taken the prisoner entered a plea of guilty, and was remanded for sentence.

Marriage Licenses.

Walter S. Edwards and Ida A. Fuling; Robert F. Heed and Susie R. Henry; Henry Mackay, Hanover County, and Mariom Dandridge, Carolina County, Va.; William E. Creek and Malinda Rollins; Walter Bowie and Mattie Roane; Robert White and Hattie F. Johnson.

Fires This Morning.

Chief Engineer Parris, Assistant Engineer Lowe and Foreman Wagner of Engine Company No. 7 were severely burned by an explosion of an oil-stove this morning at house No. 942 New York avenue.

T. E. Kieler had a $75 fire in his house, 409 A street southeast, this morning.

Taken While You Wait.

Dumley (to photographer)—Do you take pictures by the instantaneous process? I'm in a hurry.

Photographer—Yes, sir.

Dumley—You may take mine; a dozen cabinets.

Photographer—All right sir; just sit down and wait your turn please.

Dumley—How long will I have to wait?

Photographer—Only a few hours; there's a baby ahead of you.—[Epoch.

BOND PURCHASES.

Conferees Appointed on the Part of the Senate.

In the Senate yesterday afternoon, after the passage of the Spooner substitute for the House Bond-Purchase bill with the Beck amendment, Senators Sherman, Allison and Beck were announced as the conferees. As it will go to conference the bill consists of a declaration that the legal authority to buy bonds with the Treasury surplus, conferred by an appropriation act of 1881, is still in force, and couples with this declaration that the Secretary of the Treasury shall hereafter buy and coin silver dollars in amounts sufficient to offset any contraction of circulation from the surrender of National bank notes.

The Pleuro-Pneumonia bill was taken up and discussed without action. In executive session the Senate removed the injunction of secrecy from the British Extradition and Chinese treaties, both of which have, however, been published in advance of this action by the Senate.

The Foreign Relations Committee recommend an amendment of the fourth clause of the treaty.

The clause, as it appears in the treaty which Secretary Bayard sent to the Senate, was as follows:—

"Malicious injuries to property, whereby the life of any person shall be endangered, if such injuries constitute a crime according to the laws of both the high contracting parties."

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations amended this to read as follows:

"Malicious injuries to persons or property by the use of explosives, or malicious injuries or obstructions to railways, whereby the life of any person shall be endangered, if such injuries constitute a crime according to the laws of both the high contracting parties, or according to the laws of that political division of either country in which the offender shall be arrested."

AN IMPORTANT CHANGE.

Captain Leach to be Reassigned to the Mississippi River.

Captain S. S. Leach, who was recently detailed to relieve Captain Symons of the Engineer Department of the District, will shortly be detached from duty in the District buildings and reassigned to the Mississippi River improvement, where he was taken from to relieve Captain Symons.

To a CRITIC reporter he stated that there was a movement started to keep him on the Mississippi before he entered on his new duties, and he expects to be ordered back there shortly. He is better pleased with the work on the river than the work here.

Social Mention.

Mrs. John M. Glover gave a very elegant dejeuner of ten covers yesterday in honor of Mrs. Skae of San Francisco, the guest of Mrs. Senator Jones. Among the guests were Mrs. Skae, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Frank Gordon, Mrs. Condit Smith, Mrs. Gordon McKay, Mrs. Rochester and Mrs. Symes.

Miss Nannie Bell Maury is visiting Mrs. Gregory in New York.

The many friends of Admiral Almy are delighted to welcome him among them once more after his very serious illness.

Miss Perrine, who was thrown from her phaeton and badly injured, is improving. The private theatricals that were to have taken place at Mrs. Perrine's on Wednesday have been necessarily postponed.

Hon. C. A. Williams returned from New London yesterday, accompanied by his son, Mr. William Williams, who will remain several days in the city.

Miss Kate Manice, who is visiting Miss Corkhill, is very stylish and attractive.

Mrs. Senator McPherson will sail for Europe on May 20 with her daughter, Miss Edler, Miss McClellan and Miss Susie Dillon of New York. The party will remain some time in London. Mrs. McPherson will remain abroad several years, to the regret of her many friends here.

Mrs. A. C. Tyler has issued invitations for Sunday evenings at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Bourke Cockran gave a superb luncheon on Monday.

Mrs. Lloyd Brice is spending a few days in New York.

Madame Bakhmetief, who has been spending two months with her parents, General and Mrs. Beale, sails to-morrow on the same steamer with the Swedish Minister and Mrs. and Miss Wallach of this city.

The Turkish Minister gives a theatre party and supper in New York this evening in honor of the Swedish Minister and Madame de Reuterskiöld, who sail to-morrow. Mrs. Scott Townsend went over to New York to see her friends off. M. Roustan, the French Minister, and several of the diplomats will wish bon voyage to the Swedish Minister in person, as they went to New York on purpose.

Mrs. Senator Jones gave a superb dinner on Wednesday, in honor of her guest, Mrs. Skae.

Mrs. Waite has been unable to see any of her friends since her return. She has not yet recovered from the severe shock caused by the sudden death of her husband. It is said that Mrs. and Miss Waite will continue to make Washington their home and that they will occupy their own house.

Mrs. and the Misses Patten will spend the summer in Europe, sailing early in June. They purpose making a journey to Norway and Sweden.

Mrs. Lippincott (Grace Greenwood), who has been visiting her brother, Judge Clarke of Capitol Hill, left this morning for New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan of Charleston, S. C., and daughter, Mrs. Dr. Nash, have returned to the city and will occupy their country place for the summer.

The Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Mrs. Muldrow and Miss Louise Muldrow, Miss Susie Bate and the Misses Goff, Miss Hayman and Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Clarksburg, W. Va., compose a party leaving for Old Point this evening.

Real Estate Sales.

Baron de Reuterskiöld, the Swedish Minister, has bought a handsome residence on K street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth, the King property. The price paid was $25,000.

Mr. Jacob Jones has bought a big block of improved property on Fifteenth street, between T and U. The purchase was made from Samuel Rosenthal and the consideration $31,500.

A Teacher Strongly Indorsed.

1006 F STREET NORTHWEST,
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5, 1888.

DEAR SIR:

Before taking the course from you in German I could not speak nor write one word, but after five weeks under your tuition I talk for hours to Germans in their language. Germans who knew me a few weeks since seem utterly astonished at such a result, some even doubting that I was not familiar with it before I came to you. Let me say, on my word of honor, my knowledge has been gained entirely under your rapid and unique system in five weeks. Yours, respectfully,

ALBERT MORRIS.

To Professor A. P. Haupt, Masonic Temple.

To-day's Burial Permits.

Bernard H. Nagon, white, 21 months.
Rebecca Burris, colored, 6 years.
Drucilla Murphy, white, 53 years.
Octavia M. Gallagher, white, 28 years.
Katherine Kane, white, 22 years.
Alexander Scott, white, 16 months.
Walda Weifsteiner, white, 4 years.
Annie L. Foley, white, 43 years.
James M. Osborne, white, 34 years.

The position of a judge is an exceedingly trying one.

IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

Mr. Riddleberger Inquires About the English in Venezuela.

A RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY

The House Still Engaged in Ordering the Yeas and Nays.

In the Senate to-day, on motion of Mr. Butler, it was agreed that when the Senate adjourns to-day, it be to meet on Monday next.

Mr. Riddleberger presented a preamble and resolution, calling attention to British operations for the acquisition of power in Venezuela, and inquiring what action the President or Secretary of State have taken in the matter.

Mr. Sherman expressed his willingness to have the resolution adopted, but that the preamble should not be acted upon without consideration.

The matter was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee.

On motion of Mr. Edmunds the calender of private pension bills was taken up.

The bill granting a pension of $25 per month to Dr. Mary Walker was passed without objection.

Mr. Sherman presented the resolutions adopted at a recent meeting of Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church in this city, urging the passage of the bill to reimburse depositors in the Freedman's Bank.

At 2 o'clock the Pleuro-Pneumonia bill came up as unfinished business.

THE HOUSE.

When the House met this morning, pursuant to recess adjournment, not more than one hundred members were present. The legislative day of Wednesday was still in force. Mr. Reed demanded the regular order, which the Speaker stated to be the vote on the motion that when the House adjourn to-day it be to meet on Saturday next.

Before the vote was taken Mr. Oates of the opposition said his side wanted the general debate extended two hours, and the question of a final vote left open.

Mr. Taylor of Ohio said the friends of the bill were willing to extend the time, but the opposition would have to give assurance that if the concessions were granted it would be with the understanding that a final vote would be taken.

Mr. Oates said he would not entertain such a proposition, as it would commit those who offered the bill to its final passage without regard to whether any amendments were adopted or not.

Mr. Taylor said that that was not his intention; that plenty of time would be given for amendments and discussion of amendments, but they would not consider the proposition to advance the bill just one step; it must be a final vote.

Mr. Oates refused to accede to the proposition, when Mr. Reed made a similar offer as proposed by Mr. Taylor, which of course was refused amid demands for the regular order.

The Chair announced that the question before the House was the motion to adjourn till Saturday.

Mr. Oates moved to amend by substituting Monday.

The Speaker said the amendment could not be entertained because tellers were appointed on the point made that no quorum had voted, but the point had been withdrawn when recess was taken yesterday.

Mr. Oates then moved that the House take a recess until 5 o'clock.

Mr. Weaver moved to amend by substituting 6 o'clock, and Mr. Breckinridge of Arkansas proposed 4 o'clock.

On this proposition Mr. Dibble demanded the yeas and nays and the amendment was voted down by 185 to 7.

The question then recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Weaver and the yeas and nays were again ordered.

The amendment was voted down, as was also the amendment to take a recess to 5 o'clock, the latter by a vote of 181 to 4.

Mr. Oates moved that a recess be taken to 12:05, on which the vote stood 157 to 2, and the point of no quorum was raised, but before that was settled Mr. Crain moved that the House adjourn.

During the roll-call several ineffectual conferences were held, and the vote on Mr. Crain's motion disclosing a quorum, the yeas and nays were ordered on Mr. Oates' motion.

In the mean time the Speaker laid before the House the Senate Bond Purchase bill, which was referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

RAILWAY LAND FORFEITURE.

The House Public Lands Committee agreed to-day to report favorably a bill to forfeit certain Minnesota lands granted to the Hastings and Dakota Railway Company, and for the relief of settlers and purchasers.

THE POSTOFFICE APPROPRIATION.

The Postoffice Appropriation bill, as agreed to by the House Committee to-day appropriates $60,135,340 for the fiscal year 1889. The revised estimates of the Postmaster-General asked for an appropriation of $60,220,840.

CAPITOL NOTES.

Senator Faulkner has been called to West Virginia by a dispatch announcing a serious, and perhaps fatal, injury to his nephew.

Senator Chace has returned to the city, and was the recipient of congratulations from his Republican associates to-day.

Secretary Whitney and Chief Clerk Youmans were at the rooms of the House Appropriations Committee this morning.

Representative Biggs of California appeared before the House Committee on Pacific Railroads this morning in favor of the Huntington bill.

Nat. Henderson of Texas, one of the doorkeepers, acted as one of the reading clerks in the House yesterday and to-day.

The Senate passed to-day the joint resolution appropriating $25,000 for the International Exposition at Barcelona.

The conference committees have agreed upon the bill opening the Sioux Indian reservation in Dakota.

The Advance of Woman's Rights.

There has been great progress in the work of finding employment for women, and every year there will be more for them to do. One thing every young lady with a good trade must, however, guard against. She must not think of marrying her best young man until she has saved enough to provide for him a pretty cottage home, with the ordinary comforts of life. A husband soon becomes discontented when he finds that his wife has brought him only love and mechanical or professional skill.—[Louisville Courier-Journal.

Representative Mills Worse.

Congressman Mills is not improving as fast as his physician desires. He has refused to go to Old Point Comfort and persists, against his physician's advice, in reading and writing on the tariff and following the House proceedings. He was worse yesterday than he has been, and had to take to his bed again.

The Alleged Diamond Robbery.

Mrs. Waite states that the story of diamonds being stolen from her is untrue. Mrs. Waite has no diamonds. She lost a satchel containing a few articles of trifling value, but it has since been recovered.

Acquitted of Housebreaking.

John Baddy was acquitted to-day of the charge of breaking into John W. Brown's store on March 14.

RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

A Bill Granting Certain Powers to the Baltimore and Potomac.

The Senate District Committee held its regular weekly meeting to-day and discussed various phases of the railroad question. It was decided to authorize Senator Farwell to report favorably an original bill granting authority to the B. and P. Railroad Company to acquire property south of reservation number seventeen for the purpose of freight yards, depots, etc.

Senator Daniel was authorized to report favorably the bill to close alleys in square 132.

The bill to incorporate the Sandy Spring Railroad Company was discussed without action.

The high license question was taken up, but no action was had and the matter went over until the next meeting.

The railroad bill which Senator Farwell reported to the Senate later in the day legalizes the lease to the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company of that portion of the site of the old canal which was filled up and improved by the railroad company, and originally leased to the railroad under an agreement which has been nullified by the courts. The bill also authorizes the railroad company to acquire, by condemnation, such property south of Maryland and Virginia avenues as the railroad may deem necessary for its purpose. The condemnation of property is to be accomplished under the forms of the Maryland laws in reference to the summoning of juries, etc., for the condemnation of real estate required for the use of railroads. The bill also authorizes the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company to connect its property in South Washington with its railroad tracks by the necessary side tracks.

THE HOUSE DEADLOCK.

No Prospect of Its Being Broken for Some Days Yet.

The filibustering which has continued in the House for the past three days will undoubtedly consume to-day and to-morrow. Some of the oldest Members believe that this stoppage of all legislative action on the part of the House will prove to be a historical deadlock.

Mr. Oates the recognized leader of the filibusters, said: "The measure is unjust and I am determined to defeat it if we accomplish nothing else during the session."

Mr. Breckinridge of Arkansas, another filibuster: "There is no inclination on the part of the opponents of the bill to give quarter. It is not true that we contemplate a compromise or an abandonment of our position."

Messrs. Rogers and Herbert regard the measure as sectional and wrong to the South, and declare that they will continue to obstruct until the bill is withdrawn or the cotton tax amendment is accepted.

General Grosvenor, one of the leading friends of the bill, said: "I think I voice every friend of the measure when I say that it will be passed by the House just as it came from the committee, or we will be found in our seats fighting to that end on the 4th of March next."

Mr. Browne of Indiana: "It is a square fight between the unreconstructed Confederates on one side and the loyal men on the other."

Mr. Henderson of Iowa: "Pass the bill? Well, yes; that will be done whether there is tariff reform or anything else accomplished."

Saturday's Eight-Page "Critic."

THE CRITIC will appear to-morrow in its usual eight-page form and brimfull of entertaining news, literature and gossip, including a capital story, a number of first-class special articles, letters from Mexico and abroad and crisp editorial comments on the events of the day. THE SATURDAY CRITIC has become one of the fixed institutions of Washington journalism and is constantly increasing in circulation and popularity.

THE BRIDGE CELEBRATION.

The Parade Will Not Go Over Into Virginia.

The Special Working Committee, into whose hands have been left all the details of the Free Bridge Celebration, met last night at Association Hall and the following changes were made in the programme:

Colonel Carpenter, the commandant at Fort Myer, who takes a great interest in the matter, was present and gave the committee the benefit of his experience in handling large bodies of men and troops. After a discussion by the committee it was determined not to cross the bridge into Virginia on account of the insecure condition of the hand-rail on the bridge, which has not been strengthened yet.

Mr. McGowan this morning said that the daylight fireworks would be exhibited at or near the fountain, just before the delivery of the addresses. These fireworks consist of 35 pieces, and are similar to the Japanese daylight fireworks exhibited at Coney Island. The fireworks on the bridge at night will be exhibited at 8 o'clock, and no person will be allowed on the structure during the exhibition for fear of an accident.

Colonel Carpenter promised the Military Committee two full companies of cavalry, and the four companies of the Washington Light Infantry have signified their acceptance of the invitation.

Potomac Tent, No. 105, I. O. O. R., will turn out with 200 men in full regalia.

There was no material change made in the line of march other than those noted.

COLLEGE SOCIETIES.

Phi Kappa Psi Received at the White House—Chi Psi Banquets.

The next biennial session of Phi Kappa Psi will be held at Chicago. Yesterday the charter of the Maryland Alpha was taken out of the hands of the active members and placed with the alumni, with a view of regenerating the chapter. At the evening session the number of alumni members on the Executive Council was reduced to three. Arrangements were perfected for the issuance of a fraternity history and song book. Rev. Dr. Lowery was elected president.

This morning's session was occupied chiefly in completing the report of the Committee on the State of the Fraternity. The application of Swathmore College for a chapter was refused. The charter was withdrawn from Iowa Gamma. A fraternity yell was enthusiastically adopted. Discussion of the unit rule in voting on chapters occupied the rest of the session.

At 3 o'clock the convention was received in the East Room of the White House by the President. To-night a banquet is to be held at the Riggs. Solicitor-General Jenks being the orator.

The Chi Psi Convention banqueted at Willard's last night. The convention has adjourned.

The Crawford-Wilkins Assault.

Thomas Wilkins, colored, was tried this morning, charged with assault with intent to kill William Crawford, a cardriver, on February 13 last. Wilkins was pushing a cart on the track and did not get out of the way of the car, which overturned his cart. Thereupon he threw a hammer at Crawford. A verdict of simple assault was rendered.

A Popular Congressman.

Everybody admits that Congressman Bankhead is making a splendid Representative.—[Eutaw Whig and Observer.

Mr. Bankhead is a strong, practical, successful Congressman, and when he goes for "the old flag and an appropriation" he pleases the average Alabamian. They all do it.—[Birmingham Herald.

MR. BLAIR'S BILL.

A Good Time Coming—Political Deliverance for the District.

Congress will pass it, Senator Blair's District bill, of course; and then we must have an emancipation procession, an oration and a banquet.

As soon as we become citizens of the United States, with Representatives in Congress, we shall have a right to delegates to political conventions, and to enjoy the rule of bosses and all other partisan privileges and delicacies now monopolized by the great cities.

Our immigrants will have a chance. Our native Americans, who have become citizens because they had to be born in this country, will have to give place to those who came hither because they wanted to, or had to. We shall, in our elections, have opportunities for gratifying the most fastidious tastes. We can take our choice, not only from candidates nominated by the Democratic and Republican parties, but our votes will be solicited by Irish-Americans, German-Americans, French-Americans, Hungarian-Americans, Polish-Americans, Mormon-Americans, Molly Maguire-Americans, and by compatriots of the socialist and dynamite varieties. Then we can, if we wish, amend the Constitution framed by our old-fashioned forefathers, and give foreigners a chance to occupy the Presidential chair; and a flag displaying such startling colors, including green, as shall strike terror to Mayor Hewitt's soul, will float over the Capitol and the City Hall in New York.

Besides, we shall induce the appointing power to nominate, from among our 200,000 inhabitants, men fit for our District offices, instead of depending for competent strangers from New York or other provinces, for the administration of our domestic affairs. S. Y. AL.

Washington, April 5.

CHANGE IN STATION C.

Superintendent Towers Resigns in the Interest of Civil Surface Reform.

Mr. W. Scott Towers, the popular and efficient superintendent of the branch postoffice, Station C, on F street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, has tendered his resignation. It is understood this action of Mr. Towers was the result of a suggestion from Postmaster Ross, who states that the pressure from his party friends was so great that he could no longer withstand it and, therefore, he was compelled to make changes in the service to satisfy the demands of his party. It is understood that other changes are to be made in the force under the City Postmaster.

Mr. Towers has built up the postal service at Station C under his immediate personal supervision until it has become the most important and popular postal station in the city.

In view of his recognized efficiency it was assumed by many of his numerous friends that the rules of the boasted Civil Surface reform would apply to the public office administered so successfully by Mr. Towers as a public trust, but it seems the pressure of the hungry partisans, who demand a nip from the public teat, was too great to be resisted by our new, handsome and acceptable City Postmaster.

In regard to the matter Postmaster Ross said to a CRITIC reporter this morning: "Mr. Towers has been an efficient superintendent. He has tendered his resignation, to take effect April 7, and with the kindest relations existing between us. The change in the office is incident to a change of administration."

Mr. Samuel Polkenhorn will succeed Mr. Towers and will enter upon his duties to-morrow evening.

Mr. Ross also said that no other immediate changes were contemplated as regards his subordinates.

Mr. Towers says: "Yes, I've resigned at the suggestion of Postmaster Ross, who I presume was badgered nearly to death by applicants for my place. Mr. Ross is certainly entitled to the patronage attaching to his office as City Postmaster; and I cheerfully sent in my resignation."

A Woman's Plea for Dakota.

Mrs. Linda W. Slaughter, in her speech on "Dakota Women," at the National Suffrage Convention, Wednesday evening, said:

"Dakota, comprising 150,932 square miles, and boasting a population of 600,000, with 3,900 public schools and 360 newspapers, is great in all that constitutes a State, and why Congress persists in keeping us in a state of territorial vassalage can only be explained on the supposition that the representatives of the older States are actuated by the same motive that impels the elder daughters of a family to keep in the background their younger and fairer sisters until their own market is made.

"The society veteran knows that her own matrimonial prospects would be seriously impaired by bringing out the fresh young beauties of the household, and it may be that the political fossils of the older States are fearful that they, with their antiquated ideas of statesmanship, will be relegated to obscurity should this blooming daughter of the prairies be rashly admitted to the councils of the Nation."

PERSONAL MENTION.

—GEORGE W. JACQUINS, with the great Kellar, at the National next week, is in town stirring up the spirits—not spirits frumenti.

—JOSEPH MELROSE, representing Edwin Arden, at the Bijou next week, and one of the smoothest advance men on the road, is in town laying the ropes.

—MR. T. L. MASSON of the American Press Association, and a bright young New Yorker, returned home this morning after two or three days at the Capital on business and pleasure.

—REGISTERED in New York last evening: Mr. Gennadius, the Greek Minister, at the Brunswick; Senator Aldrich, at the Fifth Avenue, and General A. W. Greely, at the Sturtevant.

Sentenced for Life.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Francis W. Pittman, who murdered his daughter, Rachel, on August 4 of last year, and was yesterday found guilty of murder in the second degree, was to-day sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Insane From Fright.

John Sullivan, a Staten Island painter, is reported to have become insane from fright. A few weeks ago he was walking on the trestle of the Rapid Transit Railway at Clifton, when a train came thundering along. Sullivan most undoubtedly would have been killed by the train had he not jumped from the trestle. Though he fell thirty feet he received only slight physical injuries, but the shock from fright unbalanced his mind, and he is now pronounced hopelessly insane.

A Relic of Manassas.

The beautiful silk flag under which Stonewall Jackson fought at Manassas, July 21, 1861, is owned and has been carefully preserved by R. S. McCartney of Union, W. Va. Mr. McCartney was one of the first volunteers in the Monroe Guard, of which General Echols, now of Staunton, Va., was captain. This company was the banner of the Twenty-seventh Virginia Regiment and a part of the Stonewall Brigade. Mr. McCartney carried the flag through many battles, in one of which he was badly wounded.—[Pittsburg Commercial Gazette.

Speed the Parted Guest.

Disagreeable, mean, abominable, detestable, execrable, unbearable, disgusting, dreadful, miserable, vile, wretched, outrageous, unseasonable, awful, insufferable, nasty, unparalleled, wearisome, dirty, shocking weather of March!—[Philadelphia Press.

DAMAGED BY THE STORM

A Cyclone Sweeps Over the Western States.

PROPERTY DESTROYED AND LIVES LOST

Reports of the Devastation at Different Places.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 6.—In Iowa yesterday afternoon a tornado tore through the suburbs of Sioux City, killing an old woman and injuring several children.

A tornado developed in Indiana last night, unroofed many buildings and lifted a Marion freight train off the track at Sleeth's Station.

A water spout burst over the Illinois Central Railroad at Remser, washing the road-bed for several yards and delaying trains for over six hours.

In Wisconsin the great railroad bridge at Sheyboygan has been thrown out of plumb by high water in the river; several factories along the river front are inundated, and throughout the State the rivers are overflowing their banks and devastating the country for miles about.

In Michigan there was a heavy fall of snow Wednesday night. The storm was very severe at Muskegon, being accompanied with thunder and lightning. The Ravenna depot was fired by lightning and destroyed.

ST. PAUL, MINN., April 6.—During the storm Wednesday the Catholic Church at Shieldsville, Minn., was struck by lightning and destroyed. It was a stone structure, built last season, and cost $25,000. John Healy of Shieldsville, while on his way home from Faribault, was struck by a portion of a roof from a building near Canan Lake and fatally injured. Henry Streckley was killed at Medford.

LIMA, OHIO, April 6.—The Falls Block was entirely demolished by the windstorm last night; loss, $25,000. The occupants had a miraculous escape.

AKRON, OHIO, April 6.—Property and the crops were damaged last night by a storm of unparalleled violence.

DAYTON, OHIO, April 6.—Many cattle and sheep were killed by last night's storm and much property damaged.

CENTREVILLE, MICH., April 6.—The storm of last night caused much damage and the loss of three lives.

BEAVER FALLS, PA., April 6.—Almost a cyclone swept over here last night, tearing off roofs and wrecking one house, just finished.

A BIG UNDERTAKING.

Six Locomotives Haul a Hotel Away From the Ocean.

A special from New York dated the 3d says: Brighton Beach was crowded with sight-seers to-day to see the great Brighton Hotel moved to escape the encroachments of the sea. It was at first reported that the blizzard had swept it out to sea, but, after the storm, it was found still holding a precarious position on the shifting sands. The Brooklyn and Brighton Beach Railroad ran extra trains, with a large number of cars, in order to accommodate the traffic. The day on the seashore was delightful; a warm breeze blew from off the land and at noon there were a large number of ladies and children seated on the sand at luncheon, and it began to look as if the season at the seashore was beginning. The people got in the way of the men at work, and, in spite of the signs of danger posted all around, got under the building and stumbled over the ropes and chains. At 9 o'clock this morning everything was in readiness to move the big hotel back out of the clutches of the sea. The pulleys were all in place, and the ropes were all taut. Everybody had been driven away from the neighborhood of the hotel, and at 9:15 the order to start was given. Six engines were on the two inside tracks, and they started well together; they moved along over the tracks slowly, and the big hotel, which has a superficial area of 92,000 square feet, being 400 feet long and 200 feet wide, with a calculated weight of 5,000 tons, followed slowly. After six feet of progress had been made in about two minutes the order to stop was given.

An inspection was then made by Mr. Miller, who, with Superintendent Morrow of the railroad company, has the work in charge. The ropes were found to be all right, the cars were moving easily on the tracks. The big 12 by 12 joists, which supported the hotel on the 120 flat cars, had not shifted from their position, and there seemed to be no question of the success of the plan. The order to start was given, and, after the next move twenty-four feet further inland, a halt was again called.

Another start was then made, and twenty-five feet brought the blocks together, and a halt was called, with the hotel fifty-five feet further inland than it was yesterday. The moving was a complete success. There was no vibration of the house, and the cars moved as easily over the rails as though they were empty. Standing under the hotel and resting one's hand upon the joists, no jar could be felt. Everything seemed to go along together as easily as if it were a common thing to drag hotels around the country on cars. The riggers were soon at work again, and the big blocks were moved one hundred feet further ahead preparatory to a longer pull. To-night the big hotel is one hundred feet further in shore, out of reach of the breakers. There was a slight sagging at a little wing on the northeast end, but that was trifling. The lath and plaster work in the rooms did not crack.

Gresham at Vicksburg.

General Gresham was, at one period of his military career, actually placed under arrest and deprived of his sword by his immediate commanding officer. It was during the Vicksburg campaign. He was then a full colonel in command of his regiment, the Fifty-third Indiana. It was a gentle day in May, balmy with the scent of the magnolia bloom, and the opening rush and roar of battle were startling and portentous. Without orders, in the spirit of a Desaix at Marengo or a Sheridan at Winchester, the command, "Fall in!" rang out from Gresham to his men, and, with their young colonel at their head, marching literally to the sound of the cannon, they passed, alone of their brigade, into the storm of battle breaking against the gates of Vicksburg. From that bloody day until the surrender in July, the regiment was busy and cheerful, under its full share of the hard work and harder fighting. Gresham was promptly placed under arrest by his brigade commander for marching without orders, and was more promptly released by General Grant. The General not only at once restored him to his command, but he transferred his regiment to Lauman's Fighting Division. Shortly after the surrender, Colonel Gresham, on the recommendation of General Grant, was made a full brigadier. He was never again left at the rear. He is at the front now, and there he will remain until he takes possession of the White House.—[New Albany News.

Over Four Hundred in Washington

Owing to the great popularity of the German in five weeks' course, two new classes will begin Monday, at convenient hours, by Prof. Haupt, Masonic Temple. Register your name this week, as the number is limited.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Important Hearing Before the Senate Education Committee.

The Senate Committee on Education and Labor granted a hearing to-day to representatives of the International Sabbath Association, favoring legislation to prevent the delivery of mails, movement of railroad trains, military drills, processions, etc., on the Sabbath. The officers of the association, including Drs. Elliot, Crafts, Nice and Hickey, made arguments in favor of the bill and petitions pending before the Committee on Education and Labor. The hearing was largely attended, mainly by ladies. The arguments were those which have often been presented. The Senators made few expressions of opinion in the matter. Senator Payne intimated that compliance with the views of the reverend gentlemen would require the suspension of all the world's activities on the Sabbath, and that their wishes transcended the scope of legislation.

At the close of the conference Senator Riddleberger was asked what he thought of it.

"Well," said the Senator, "I reckon they want us to abolish the Constitution and By-laws and adopt the Ten Commandments."

JAKE SHARP DEAD.

Career of the Founder of the Broadway Surface Road.

Jacob Sharp died at his late residence in New York city at 9:20 last night. Mr. Sharp was born in Montgomery County, N. Y., July 6, 1817. At an early age he began business in New York as a lumber contractor. After building docks and piers he built street railroads. The Broadway road was his scheme for thirty days. Repeatedly he obtained the franchise from the Legislature, only to be defeated by the aldermen. Finally in May, 1883, eight members of the board held a caucus and agreed to favor the road, and the franchise being granted, the road was built and opened on June 19, 1886. The lease of the road to the Seventh Avenue Line for 999 years precipitated legal inquiry into the rumors of corruption, and Sharp and a number of the aldermen were arrested for giving and receiving bribes. The trial began April 26, 1887. On June 29 he was convicted and sentenced to prison for four years and fined $5,000. An appeal for a new trial was granted on November 29 last.

The Dakota Rivers High.

ST. PAUL, MINN., April 6.—Telegrams from a dozen points in Dakota report heavy rains and raging rivers. The river is bank full at Washburn and still rising, and the bottom lands below are flooded for miles. At Gladstone, Dak., the Hart River is rapidly rising. At South Hart the railway bridge has given away, and all trains are temporarily abandoned. At Mankato, Minn., the Minnesota is leaving its banks. The ice is moving in immense cakes, and a gorge is feared below the city. Twenty head of stock belonging to Adam Jefferson were drowned on the low lands yesterday morning. The river rose eight feet during Thursday night and seven yesterday and is still rising.

Alexandria News.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 6.—Fish receipts yesterday: 100,000 herring, sold at $3; $4 and $5 per 1,000; 100 shad, and 200 bunches of perch.

The funeral of Mrs. Ada Phillips took place this morning.

James R. Caton left this morning for Baltimore, to attend the conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Mrs. A. S. Dunham and family, accompanied by Mr. William Smithson, left last night for San Diego, Cal., where they will make their future home.

The Misses Fannie and Mamie Waite of Culpeper are visiting the Misses Smoot on St. Asaph street.

An Embezzling Cashier.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 6.—In the examination of the books of A. C. Yates & Co., clothiers, made to prepare for a settlement of the estate of the late Theodore Dissel, a member of the firm, it was discovered that a former cashier, who is now confined to his house by serious illness, had been embezzling the firm's moneys. The amount taken will, it is thought, exceed $6,000. Partial restitution has been made, and a member of the firm stated that owing to the condition of the cashier the firm would probably not prosecute him.

A Secret Political Society.

CHICAGO, April 6.—The *Mail* to-day reiterates the story that an oath-bound organization exists in every State and Territory, having for its object the election of Judge Gresham President. He knows nothing of it.

Prominent Hotel Arrivals.

DR. W. DIAMOND of Jersey City is at Willard's.

J. H. CALEF, U. S. A., and wife are at the Ebbitt.

BISHOP WM. PARET of Baltimore is at the Ebbitt.

VERNON BELL of London is registered at the Ebbitt.

N. PONCE DE LEON of New York is at the Arlington.

REV. A. TOOMES PORTER of Charleston is at the Ebbitt.

MR. AND MRS. OSCAR K. MEYER of New York are at Willard's.

REPRESENTATIVE B. F. SHIVELY of Indiana is at the National.

JUDGE C. C. WATTS, of Charleston, W