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After Their Places.

We see it stated that the subject of dispensing with the employment of women in the Treasury Department is undergoing discussion. It is asserted that, while many of them are capable and earn their salaries, others are inefficient and undeserving; notwithstanding which, it is impossible to discharge them, owing to the impotency of friends and other influences, the pay being greater than that which women receive in any other vocation.

The pressure for appointments is overwhelming. The President's house, General Grant's headquarters, and the Treasury Department are besieged continually, and on many days the greater portion of the time of the Secretary of the Treasury and his assistants is taken up in refusing to employ women, and in explaining the reasons for such refusal.

There are now from fifty to one hundred more women in the Treasury Department than the Secretary is justified in retaining. In view of all the disadvantages attending the employment of women, and the continued pressure for appointments, and the consequent annoyance, the Secretary of the Treasury is considering the expediency of following the example of the Secretary of the Interior, of dismissing at once all the female employees.

We wonder if none of these difficulties are encountered with respect to male applicants for office? Are there no "inefficient or undeserving" men whom it is impossible to discharge, "owing to the impotency of friends, and other influences?" The papers have lately referred to a series of defalcations and forgeries in the Treasury Department, perpetrated by a young man closely connected with a high official. This fellow is the son of a certain officer in one branch of the Treasury Department, and his frauds have been notorious for months both in Washington and elsewhere.

Are the President's house, General Grant's headquarters, and the Treasury Department "besieged" by nobody but poor women, asking for employment? Is not the pay of many a clerk in Washington larger than he could get elsewhere for the same work?

We hope the selfish, greedy crowd of hangers-on at Washington will not succeed in this effort to make places for themselves by taking work away from the few women that are employed there, for that is all that this proposed movement means.

Views of the Secretary of the Interior—1861, 1866.

HON. ORVILLE H. BROWNING is one of the few Republicans who supported Mr. Johnson throughout his present career. He took upon himself, a few weeks since, the graceless task of attacking the Constitutional Amendment in a very voluminous letter, in which he argued that a State was immortal. His great foundation was on the maxim, "Once a State, always a State." He reiterated it in a dozen different forms, and made it the basis of his logic.

Time of Meeting of the Fortieth Congress.

The following bill, introduced by Mr. Schenck, of Ohio, was passed by the House of Representatives yesterday:— "Be it enacted, etc., That, in addition to the first or regular times of meeting of Congress, there shall be a meeting of the Fortieth Congress of the United States, and of each succeeding Congress thereafter, at 12 o'clock meridian on the 4th day of March, the day on which the term begins for which the Congress is elected, except that when the 4th of March occurs on Sunday, then the meeting shall take place on the next succeeding day at 12 o'clock M."

Mr. Schenck remarked that the object of the second section was to prevent payment of constructive mileage. If the phraseology did not cover that point thoroughly, he would endeavor to have the section amended in the Senate.

Surfrage in the District of Columbia. In the Senate yesterday the bill relating to suffrage in the District of Columbia was up, and pretty thoroughly discussed. An amendment embodying the read-and-write test was voted down. The bill, as proposed, confers the elective franchise upon all male citizens of the United States, except paupers, criminals, and persons under guardianship, and those who left the District to give aid and comfort to the Rebels in the late war. The Senate adjourned without coming to a vote on the bill.

SURRATT.—The documents laid before Congress yesterday show that Mr. Boutwell was correct in his statement that the Government knew of the whereabouts of Surrott for over a year, but that he was incorrect in his insinuations that the officials were not doing their whole duty in endeavoring to secure him. The documents are extremely interesting, and form another proof that the detection of crime, in this age of law and civilization, must be considered an assured thing.

When the guilty escape, it is the exception and not the rule. How, by his photograph, the murderer was followed through Canada to Liverpool, through England, Spain, Italy, and finally into Egypt, is as curious as the tale of "Monte Cristo," or the adventures of the "Wandering Jew," the only difference in the latter case being that, unlike the troubled Israelite, he will find no difficulty in the shuffling off of this mortal coil. In regard to Mr. Boutwell, we deplore the heedlessness which would give currency to an injurious report, which it eventually was unable to prove.

THE "MEDEA" OF RISTORI.—Last evening witnessed the first appearance before a Philadelphia audience of Ristori, the rival of Rachel, and "the tragic actress of the world." A brilliant assembly at the Academy of Music greeted the great artist with a cordial enthusiasm. We confess, however, to a feeling of disappointment from her first entrance, or rather descent, upon the stage, to the last emphatic "Tu" which closes Legouve's version of the famous old Greek tragedy of Sophocles.

Ristori's features lack the great dramatic power which in Rachel spoke—held her audience spell-bound. The voice of Ristori is singularly deep and expressive; yet, were we again cheated of some pathetic touch, backed of some frenzied burst of passion in this "dark witch maiden," whose soul given over to the dark "Eumenides," sprang at all bounds and defies all control. The "Medea" of Legouve, and the "Medea" of Sophocles are two different creations. Yet enough remains of the original to recognize the dark enchantress of Colchis; she who, for the love of the "yellow-haired Jason," stained her white hands with the blood of her young brother, and forsaking the barbaric splendor of the "marble walls and roofs of gold" of "Aetes' palace, dared the perils of the "unknown sea" with the bold Argoonauts of Hellas. Ristori is eminently free from rank. In avoiding this error she fell, in "Medea," more than once, into the opposite extreme of tameness. At times she reached to the stern, inborn dignity and lofty command of the Colombian Princess; but more frequently fell beneath it, and became almost trivial. The scene of "Medea's" first meeting with "Jason," in Corinth, on the eve of his marriage with "Creusa," daughter of "Creon," was weakly rendered. The tumultuous joy, the bitter irony, masking the bleeding woman's heart; the indignant sarcasm with which she bids him choose her a place of refuge, where the curse of crimes incurred for him shall not rise, spectre-like, and ward her back, were not given with the subtle effect and irresistible impulse of intense feeling, no where more needed than in this masterly scene. Not even when driven to desperate frenzy, the frantic mother orders the murder of her innocent children, and, standing at the foot of the statue of the child-devouring god, invokes with suppressed breath and curdling veins the "livid dolours of gloomy Tauris," not even here is the power of a truly great artist more demanded than in the scene above mentioned. Ristori's attitude and emphasis at the close of the tragedy were grand and imposing in the extreme, and we trust a further acquaintance with the fair artist in other varied characters will remove this feeling of disappointment, with which we candidly confess we quitted the temple of the Muses on her first appearance.

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