

REN AND MEASURES AT WASHINGTON.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4, 1868. After the vote had been taken on the articles of impeachment last session, and the air was thick with rumors of certain Senators having been bribed, Senator Conkling, of New York, delivered a speech wherein he argued that some punishment should be inflicted upon the newspaper correspondents here, who were for the most part responsible for these rumors.

Dishonest Politicians. There is a vague idea among the masses of the people that politicians, taken as a class, are neither the most reliable nor the most conscientious of men.

A Case in Point. A few months ago an extensive "ring" was organized here to make a raid upon the Pacific Railroad, for what purpose your readers can judge.

Animus of the Movement. In the appointment of this commission, named by the President, it is said, at the instance of the Secretary of the Interior, something of the animus of the proceeding was made manifest.

Suspicious Conduct of Secretary Brown. These special commissioners presented their report to the Secretary of the Interior some days ago. After it came into his possession it was sedulously kept from public view.

Browning Withholds the Report. It appears that Secretary Browning had locked up the report of the special commission in his office. Instead of laying it before the President, as he should have done, he, with the rest of the "ring," went around circulating all sorts of stories prejudicial to the road.

The Report Falsifies the Stories of the "Ring." The presence of the officers of the road, and their manifest determination to ferret the matter out, seems to have had the effect of making Browning lay the report before the President. It reached him on Wednesday last.

On the evening of that day Mr. Durant succeeded in obtaining a copy of it. He found the concluding portions of it so utterly contradictory of the stories so industriously circulated by the "ring," that he immediately gave it to the country through the Associated Press.

recognize an incident to a newly-constructed work, especially one of such magnitude as the Pacific Railroad. But there is not a particle of evidence to sustain the stories about meditated fraud on the part of the officers of the road, so freely charged by the Interior Department and its flock of greedy cormorants.

The Inference. In view of all the facts now made public, there can be but one theory concerning the object of this raid upon the Pacific Railroad. Over four millions of dollars are yet due the company from the Government.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Mrs. D. P. Bowers as "Elizabeth." Giacomelli's play of Elizabeth is a clever production, and it affords opportunities for a capable actress to display a wide range of abilities. It does not, however, as well on frequent repetition as "Hamlet," for instance, and seen too often, it is in fact a trifle tedious.

The City Amusements. AT THE ACADEMY Mrs. Bowers will appear this evening as "Mrs. Haller" in "The Stranger" and as "Lucretia Borgia" in "The Orange Girl."

AT THE ACADEMY Mr. R. Craig will have a benefit this evening, when he will present a new burlesque on "Barbe Bleue," which will no doubt be infinitely amusing.

AT THE AMERICAN there will be matinee and evening performance to-day. The performance will commence with the French comedy of "Broad and Sanson streets," for the benefit of the National Printing Association for the Blind.

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