

MEN AND MEANS - COURTES AT WASHINGTON.

From Our Own Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12, 1868. The Congressional recess. Congress was in session but four days this week. Very little practical legislation was accomplished, but enough work to consume much of the session was mapped out. I have already indicated in this correspondence what will, in all probability, constitute the leading features of the action of Congress during the present session. In addition to these there will, of course, be the usual number of private bills and schemes, whose success depends, to a great extent, upon the manipulation and perseverance of the lobby. Very little, however, will be done until after the holiday recess. This year will probably be unusually long, considering the shortness of the session.

The Leadership of the House. The death of the Honorable Thomas Stevens, who was confessedly the leader of the House up to the adjournment last July, has given rise to considerable rivalry in a quiet way for the honors of that position. While the "old man" lived, and especially during the last two sessions of Congress, two or three members attempted to wrest the sceptre from his hands. But so powerful was his influence that this opposition never assumed a more dangerous shape than personal jealousy. Now, however, that he is gone the way is comparatively clear, and the aspirants are left to contend with each other for the mastery. While Mr. Stevens lived the man who was most ambitious to fill his place was John A. Bingham, of Ohio. Even in his feeblest days the member from the Lancaster district headed Bingham in debate as a strong man would a child. It was so with all the other members that attempted to measure swords with the Great Commoner. The Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee should be the leader of the House. But it depends very much upon the character of the man whether he is able to assume the position given him by custom and parliamentary usage. When the late Mr. Stevens was placed at the head of that committee, soon after the beginning of the war, he became at once the leader of the House. Afterwards, when the Ways and Means Committee was divided and the Committee on Appropriations was carved out of it, Mr. Stevens, as chairman of the latter committee, was as much the leader of the House as he was when at the head of the Ways and Means. His successor, General Schenck, of Ohio, although a man of conceded ability, can hardly be said practically to be the leader of the House. He lacks those rare qualities essential to such a position. Though a hard worker, a good debater, and eminently practical, he has none of the management, the address, and, above all, the sarcasm and quiet good humor of Mr. Stevens. He can stir up all the elements of opposition, but he does not seem to understand the secret of quieting them at pleasure and making them subservient to the success of his own plans. Judge Bingham would like to be leader, but, like Schenck, he lacks the qualifications. Though a good speaker and a ready debater, he loses his temper too easily, and instead of conciliating those whom he can neither win nor destroy, he only stimulates them to more determined hostility. The House indeed, may be said to be without any leader at present.

The Pennsylvania Senatorship. It may seem somewhat strange that you should receive intelligence on this subject from Washington. Just now, however, the campaign seems to be transferred here. The Hon. Cassius A. Graw, who contends that he has the inside track, has been here for some days earnestly at work with the Pennsylvania delegation. Whatever other qualities he may possess, he certainly deserves the credit of being a shrewd politician. Like everybody else, he distrusts the promises and professions of the Pennsylvania Legislature made in advance of their caucus for the nomination of Senator. Recognizing the fact that the members of Congress from the several districts of the State have more or less influence over the members of the Legislature from their districts, he is quietly at work trying to get the superior power to move the inferior in his behalf. Not being in his confidence, I cannot say with what success he has met. It is safe to assume, however, that it is hardly so great as he desires, from the fact that the delegation is pretty well divided among the several factions of the State. None of the other candidates have made their appearance here, at least upon the same errand as Graw. General Cameron's son, "Don," was here for a day or two, but he showed no disposition to work among members for the Senatorship. Indeed, the peculiar relations of his father render such an effort hopelessly futile.

Pennsylvania in the Cabinet. Ever since the election of General Grant a quiet contest has been going on between the different aspirants and their friends for a place in the Cabinet to be awarded Pennsylvania. There is no scarcity of candidates. Not less than half a dozen have managed to get their names mentioned in connection with the position. Two or three, however, have been seriously spoken of. Among these I may mention ex-Governor Curtin, Governor Geary, and Colonel John W. Forney. Curtin is backed wholly by State influence, his chief fugleman being A. K. McClure. The latter has been here for some days trying the strength of his friend, not only with the Pennsylvania delegation in Congress, but with the prominent men outside the State. He has discovered, however, that Curtin's reputation is strictly local, and that even in his own State he is not as strong as his friends suppose. Besides, he has a powerful and determined opponent in Senator Cameron, who, in his own right, has the power he may possess to keep Curtin out of the Cabinet as well as out of the Senate. There are few who believe that Governor Geary will be invited to a seat in the Cabinet, and fewer still who think that he would accept it. It is quietly whispered in usually well-informed circles that Col. Forney's chances are better than any of the others. Forney is personally intimate with General Grant. He was among the first journalists in the Republican party to hold the name of Grant for the Presidency. His advocacy of the General's election, both on the stump and in his newspapers, has been unremitting. Unlike either Curtin or Geary, Forney has a national reputation, and he is strongly urged by some of the ablest and most prominent radical Senators and members. What influence he can bring to bear from his own State I do not know. He will, of course, be opposed by Cameron. But General Grant is unlike all Presidents who have gone before him, and while he may pay a decent respect to the recommendations of prominent men in the party that elected him, he will to a large extent use his own discretion in the choice of his Cabinet. JOSEPHUS.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

CORNER-STONE LAYING IN WEST PHILADELPHIA.—On Thursday, the thirty-eighth Street M. E. Church, of which Rev. H. A. Cleveland is pastor, laid the corner-stone of their new chapel, at Thirty-eighth and Hamilton streets. Addresses and prayers were delivered by Rev. A. J. Kynett, D. D., Rev. W. J. Stevenson, and Rev. M. Simpson, D. D., Bishop of the M. E. Church. The free will offerings of the people on the occasion amounted to a little more than \$10,000. The situation is commanding and roomy. The edifice is to be of Trenton stone, the interior to be of granite. It will be two stories, with Sabbath school, vestry, Bible class and lecture-rooms, and a study for

the pastor. The audience room, 40 feet by 80, exclusive of recess for pulpit, choir, and organ, will be on the second floor. The entrance porch will be of the principal feature of the front. The plainness of the walls will be broken by double-recessed jambs to windows and by projecting buttresses. The main audience-room will be finished with wood, which is usually termed an open roof, formed with arched principal rafters, moulded on the face with a rich cornice of wood at the intersection. Inwardly, the roof is supported by principal rafters and purlins, and is to be of black walnut, and the walls are to be of the same material, harmonizing with the oak staining of the open roof. The effect of the roof, combined with the rich tints of the stained glass, and the dark tone of the walnut fittings, will be most pleasing, and will give an effective and cheerful interior. The edifice is designed as its erection contemplated by Messrs. Fraser, Furness, and Hewitt, of this city. John McClure, Esq., of the City, is the architect. The total cost of the chapel will be about \$20,000, and when completed it will be an ornament to the city.

CITY CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

Daring Thieves—Arrested on Suspicion. A Pickpocket—A Dishonest Fellow.—Yesterday morning, at about 10 o'clock, two fellows stepped up to the carriage of Dr. Bourneville, which was standing on Sixth street, below Green, and removed a package of articles, including a horse-basket. They then started up Sixth to Green, when they were noticed by Policeman Steinbock, who gave chase and captured them. The articles were recovered, and the thieves were taken before Alderman Plankinton, who held them in \$500 bail to answer at court. Their names are Charles Greener and George Kelly.

Mary Norton was arrested yesterday on Fourth and Poplar streets with a quantity of butter in her possession, which she is suspected of having stolen from the residence of Mrs. Wallace. The fact that she was offering the article for sale at a very low price. After a hearing before Alderman Toland she was committed to jail.

Francis Conway this morning jumped from a cart at Third and Market streets. He had with him an Indian, which he was holding, and revealed a set of harness. The man and the harness were taken to the Cherry Street station, the former for a hearing and the latter to the police.

John Mucklow and a man named Hunter, got into a row yesterday afternoon in a tavern on Juniper street, which ended in a scuffle, and a very dangerous wound in the head, alleged to have been inflicted with a hammer by Hunter. He was taken to jail, and held by Alderman Jones to await the result of the injuries. Mucklow was removed to his residence, No. 1122 South Fifteenth street.

Alderman Jones yesterday held William Jones for trial on the charge of stealing a horse from one Charles Davis, who resides at Tuller-town, Bucks county.

A negro woman was taken into custody this morning, charged with picking the pocket of a lady of a portmanteau containing \$350. The robbery took place in the South Second street market. The lady, who is a colored woman, was brought to town two immense porkers and twenty bushels of potatoes, which had been ordered by two gentlemen in the city. He had the direction given him by a colored man, and on arriving at Frankford road and Hart lane he recanted one Peter McKeever, who said he had ordered the goods from the man in the vehicle. It was driven to York street, where the countryman got out and went into a drug store. While there Peter took the reins and drove off. While turning a corner a few squares distant the wagon broke down. Peter then disposed of the contents of the vehicle, and was receiving the proceeds of the articles, when a policeman stepped up and arrested him. Alderman Heintz sent him below for trial.

MORTALITY OF THE CITY.—The number of deaths in the city for the week ending at noon to-day was 259, being an increase of 55 over the corresponding period of last week. Of these 119 were adults, 137 minors; 201 were born in the United States, 49 were foreign, 6 were unknown, 15 were people of color, and 4 from the country. Of the 119 females, boys, 57, and girls, 49. Of the number, 5 died of congestion of the brain, 39 consumption of the lungs, 12 convulsions, 2 dysentery, 4 diarrhoea, 15 inflammation of the lungs, and marasmus. The deaths were divided among the wards as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Ward, Number of Deaths. Includes entries for First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth.

CHROMO-LITHOGRAPHS.—Turner Brothers & Co., the successors of G. W. Picher, at No. 808 Chestnut street, purpose to carry on the business in the same manner that has already made the establishment so popular. They have a large assortment of American and foreign chromos of every description and at all prices. A good chromo will make a most acceptable Christmas present, and as this firm has in small profits and quick sales, the advantages of dealing with them are apparent. Messrs. Turner Brothers & Co. make a specialty of chromos, but they also have a large stock of standard and popular books in all styles of binding, and a great variety of fancy articles suitable for holiday presents. All the new books are to be found on their shelves as soon as issued by the publishers, and for sale at rates reduced from the regular retail prices.

JOHN B. GORGE.—The desire to hear Mr. Gorge deliver his new lecture, "Circumstances," at the Academy, on Monday evening next, has become so great that the streets at this time, if we may judge from the great demand for tickets at Gould's, No. 423 Chestnut street, it must be gratifying to Mr. Gorge to find, after twenty-five years of public speaking, that he is more popular and more in demand than ever. We learn that he has been obliged to decline upwards of eight hundred applications for his services this season.

DIED IN A POLICE STATION.—Last night Policeman Young, of the Sixteenth district, came across an individual lying against the wall at Thirty-third and Bridge streets. Finding him unconscious, he removed him to the station, where a cut was discovered on his head. His nose was also damaged. It seems that he, while in a state of intoxication, went on to a roof on Brookline street, and fell to the ground. This morning he was found dead in the station. He was a middle-aged man, and had with him a dining-kettle.

THROWN FROM A CARRIAGE.—Last evening a carriage containing Mr. J. H. Crocodile and Peter J. Morrison, was overturned at Bridge and Master streets, and the occupants thrown with great force to the pavement. Mr. Crocodile had a left arm fractured in three places, and Mr. Morrison had his collar-bone and three ribs broken. The former was conveyed to his residence on Sanswood street, and the latter to St. Joseph's Hospital.

LEAVE ISLAND.—It will be seen by our telegraphic column that Attorney-General Swartz yesterday formally accepted the name of Grant for the Presidency. The necessary documents have been forwarded to him, and he affixed his signature to them. They are now on their way to this city, and on their arrival, Mayor McMichael, on behalf of the city, will sign the transfer file.

THE CRIME OF INFANTICIDE.—This crime is on the increase in this city, and a day passing without our being compelled to record a case. This morning Coroner Daniels received notice to hold inquests on three dead infants that had been picked up during the night in different parts of the city.

MISS KELLOGG IN OPERA.—We are glad to inform our readers that we are to have Miss Kellogg in opera. On Wednesday next a grand combined entertainment will be given—first, a grand concert, afterwards the grand third act of Faust, in costume. See advertisement.

A NEW SCHOOL.—On Monday evening the inaugural exercises of the Keystone Grammar School, on Nineteenth street, above Chestnut, took place. They will consist of recitations and singing by the scholars and addresses by prominent gentlemen.

FINE SKATING.—The skating parks in and around the city are in excellent condition, and this morning were visited by a large number of gentlemen who were anxious to take advantage of the first skating of the season. JOSEPHUS.

The Alexander Case.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—This morning Coroner Daniels received notice to hold inquests on three dead infants that had been picked up during the night in different parts of the city.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

SERMON TO YOUNG MEN.—Under the auspices of the YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION, Rev. DANIEL MARCH, D. D., will preach a sermon on the subject of "The Christian's Duty to the World," at the Young Men's Association (Sabbath) Church, corner of Tenth and Clinton streets, at 7 1/2 o'clock. Sermons reserved for Young Men. Medical students and strangers in the city are cordially invited to attend.

THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary of the birth of the City of Philadelphia will be celebrated on Monday evening, December 13, at the Young Men's Association Church, at 7 1/2 o'clock. Sermons reserved for Young Men. Medical students and strangers in the city are cordially invited to attend.

THE CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. S. W. HUNTER, D. D., will preach a sermon on the subject of "The Christian's Duty to the World," at the Calvary Presbyterian Church, corner of Tenth and Clinton streets, at 7 1/2 o'clock. Sermons reserved for Young Men. Medical students and strangers in the city are cordially invited to attend.

WEST SPRING STREET CHURCH.—Rev. W. B. BREWER, D. D., will preach a sermon on the subject of "The Christian's Duty to the World," at the West Spring Street Church, corner of Tenth and Clinton streets, at 7 1/2 o'clock. Sermons reserved for Young Men. Medical students and strangers in the city are cordially invited to attend.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. J. H. HUNTER, D. D., will preach a sermon on the subject of "The Christian's Duty to the World," at the First Presbyterian Church, corner of Tenth and Clinton streets, at 7 1/2 o'clock. Sermons reserved for Young Men. Medical students and strangers in the city are cordially invited to attend.

THE CHERRY STREET CHURCH.—Rev. J. H. HUNTER, D. D., will preach a sermon on the subject of "The Christian's Duty to the World," at the Cherry Street Church, corner of Tenth and Clinton streets, at 7 1/2 o'clock. Sermons reserved for Young Men. Medical students and strangers in the city are cordially invited to attend.

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THIRD EDITION BALTIMORE.

Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph. Assassination in the Mining District. BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—I have just covered with a gentleman from the region of the Allegheny Coal Mining Company, who says that since the recent assassination there of Douglas Love, a highly respectable gentleman, by unknown parties, intense consternation prevails throughout the whole country. It has been discovered that there is a Secret Organization existing among the laborers, who have sent threatening notices to many citizens, on the principle of the Ku-Klux-Klan, to leave immediately at the peril of their lives.

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