

MEN AND MEASURES AT WASHINGTON.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26, 1893. The Alaska Job. The investigation of the Alaska job by the House Committee on Public Expenditures has turned public attention to the manner in which legislation is pushed through Congress by the aid of the "lobby."

The Existence of the Lobby. Persons at a distance from the capital are, no doubt, disposed to regard the existence of a lobby as something of a myth. It is so seldom that any of its operations are exposed that when a case like that of the Alaska job is presented, even the public press directs attention to it as if it was something unusual or extraneous.

Who are the Lobbyists? Since the Alaska investigation commenced I have noticed that several newspapers have accused the special correspondents at the capital of constituting the lobby. Such a blunder could only be committed by persons who have seldom been here, and who do not understand the relations which must necessarily exist between the lobbyist and his friend in Congress.

The Art of Lobbying. Lobbying having become a business, has been reduced to a system. Like every other business, it requires experience to insure success. First of all, the lobbyist must either be or represent himself to be a person of influence with members of Congress and heads of departments and bureaus. This influence is acquired in various ways.

Relationship is generally regarded as the most potent. If a man is the brother or the brother-in-law of a Senator or member, or the cousin of some official either in Congress or the departments, his services are rated higher than a mere outsider. Then there is another class who may be regarded as the "henchmen" of Government officials. Their claims consist of personal services rendered. They have manipulated a legislature so as to secure the election of their friend for Senator. They have managed a district so as to elect their friend to Congress. They have secured the appointment and confirmation of some head of department or head of bureau.

Money Made by Lobbying. To those who understand the business it is comparatively easy to make money, and that large sums are realized upon various schemes before Congress and the departments is certain. When I see one of these persons, with no visible means of support, living at the rate of eight or ten thousand a year, perhaps more, I frequently wonder where he gets the sinews of war.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC. The City Amusements. AT THE WALNUT the drama of The Orange Girl and the farce of Up for the Holidays will be performed this evening.

CITY ITEMS. WE HAVE the evidence each day of numbers who purchase of us, after having examined other stocks, which, under different names, are being "sacrificed," but our goods are sold at lower prices than any other clothing in Philadelphia.

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EXPERIMENT HEALTH is a blessing vouchsafed to few. Even those who have been favored by nature with strong constitutions and vigorous frames are apt to neglect the precautions necessary to preserve these precious endowments.

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