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TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1869.

THE DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS.

Tus diplomatic appointments sent to the Senate yesterday will give general satisfaction. The selection of Lothrop Motley as Minister to England is very appropriate and judicious. Reverdy Johnson, notwithstanding his antecedent fame as a lawyer and Scuntor, has proved a miserable failure as a diplomatist, and his recall will afford welcome relief to the English as well as the American Government. His admirers across the water will probably feel in honor bound to give him one good dinner more, but after this important ceremony is completed and farewells are exchanged, he cannot too soon be shipped back to the classic shores of the Chesapeake. His successor has a triple claim upon national confidence, based upon his well-attested abilities as a historian, his training as a diplomatist, and the infamous espionage established over him by Andrew Johnson. As he was driven from Austria because he would not sacrifice his manhood and make hypocritical professions of admiration for the Presidential policy, which every honest Republican spurned, it is just and fitting that new honors should compensate for this persecution. Besides, Mr. Motley's past career and his superior talents afford a guarantee that the nation will be ably represented at the court where effective representation is most important, and where questions of the most vital interest remain unadjusted.

The appointment of ex-Governor Curtin as Minister to Russia will please the admirers of that gentleman. The administration is obliged to closely consider the political prominence of aspirants for diplomatic honors, and it cannot be denied that Curtin's position and his relations to the people and the politicians of the State are such as to justify his selection as the recipicut of the highest diplomatic honors awarded to Pennsylvania. We hope he may find, in the honor of serving his country abroad, full compensation for the disappointments he has encountered in his efforts to gain leading positions at home, and we have no doubt that he will prove a popular and creditable Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

The new Minister to Austria, John Jay, of New York, is a descendant of one of the few historic families of our country in which political knowledge, capacity, and influence is "bequeathed from sire to son." His revolutionary progenitor was one of the most celebrated of the early diplomatists of the country, having served as Minister to Spain in 1779, as a Commissioner to negotiate peace with England after the Revolutionary war, and subscquently as Minister to England, in 1794, when he negotiated the celebrated Jay treaty, which, although it drew upon him a storm of obloquy, was accepted by the ruling authorities of the period as the best adjustment that could be made. A noticeable feature of the new appoint-

ments is the selection of Ebenezer D. e of the most intelligent colored men of this city, as Minister Resident and Consul-General to Hayti. Our relations with that region are rapidly rising in importance, and the period may not be very distant when it will become an integral part of the Great Republic. At all events, the commercial interests of the United States might be greatly promoted by wise diplomacy in that quarter. All other things being equal, there can be little doubt taat a colored man of ability could render better service at the seat of a Government controlled by men of his own race, ruling over a people of African descent, than a white ambassador. For a similar reason, we presume, J. R. Clay, a colored citizen of Louisiana, has been appointed Minister Resident and Consul-General to Liberia; and he, too, will be more likely to awaken cordiality of feeling and a desire to advance American interests on Afric's barning sands than a white man. Yew of the other new ministers are men of great prominence, but they all possess fair records. John S. Carlisle, appointed Minister to Sweden, was one of the first Senators from West Virginia, and gained honorable distinction by his early and continuous opposition to secontion. J. R. Jones, the new Minister to Bulgium. was one of the most active and efficient members of the Republican National Executive Committee during the last Presidential campaign. The appointments made yesterday embrace but a comparatively small portion of the diplomatic field. We presume other changes will soon be made, and that while some of the Ministers whose character and talents render them useful in their present positions will be retained, others will soon give way to better men. Kilpatrick is still apparently accredited to Santlago, Hale to Madrid, Rosecrans to Mexico, Van Valkenbergh to Yeddo, and Harvey to Lisbon. CANADIAN RECIPROCITY. WHATEVER may be the merits and domerits of a reciprocity of trade between the United States and the Dominion of Canada, the statistics of trade between the two countries show a decrease of only 21 per cent. in the imports into the United States during the year ending June 30, 1965, as compared with those of the year ending June 30, 1895, when reciprocity was in full blass. In 1865 the imports of all kinds into the United States from Canada and the other British North American possessions on the Atlantic coast amounted in value to \$36,176,977; while in 1868 the aggregate value had decreased to \$35,509,135, a falling off of \$7,577,842. In 1865 certain enumerated articles, embracing animais of all kinds, fish, broadstuffs, lumber, and wool, were imported to the aggregate value of \$24,320,165, on all of which not one cent in the way of customs duties was received by our Government. During the same year there was also imported an insignificant amount of the same articles-reaching \$76,973 in value only-on which \$8387.76 in duties were paid. In 1868 the imports embraced in the some category aggregated \$17,096,566, on which the duties amounted to \$3,280,916.69. Here there was a decrease in value of \$7,377,555, showing that in all the other classes of imports the decrease amounted to only \$200,000. But in this connection, it should be remembered that during 1868 there were free importations aggregating \$4,372,452, which, compared 1.000 imported in 1800 free of daty,

in addition to those enumerated above, shows a decrease of \$1,877,051; while in 1865 dutiable articles, not included above, were imported to the value of \$5,580,886, against a corresponding importation, in 1868, of \$7,130,117-an increase of \$1,599,781. The final result of the comparison shows that there was a decrease of 30 per cent. in the value of the animals, fish, breadstuffs, lumber, and wool imported, while the decrease in the value of all other imports was scarcely 214 per cent.

THE CITY BURYING GROUNDS. SEVERAL carefully-prepared articles have appeared lately in the columns of some of our contemporaries, calling the attention of the Legislature to the various inconveniences attending interments within the city limits, and which appeared to be designed to pave the way for a grand raid on the intramural burying grounds by the gentlemen who manufacture laws and onduct a general jobbing business at Harrisburg. The question of abolishing the burial of the dead within the limits of the built-up portions of the city is perhaps of sufficient importance to warrant a discussion at least, but we do not believe that the health of the city or any other consideration of public welfare demands immediate action on the part of the Legislature.

The fact that many of our legislators who have made themselves unpleasantly prominent during the present session by their advocacy of all manner of nefarious schemes are interested in the various cemeteries in the vicinity of Philadelphia, is sufficient to throw suspicion on any scheme to abolish the city burying grounds at the present time. Senator George Connell, for instance, is known to have a large interest in Mount Moriah Cemetery, and, consequently, if the question of forbidding further interments within the city limits proper should come up in the Legislature, Senator Connell would scarcely be able to vote upon it with that perfect impartiality that is always to be desired in matters of this kind.

Our legislators are already exposed to too many temptations, which, owing to the manifold frailties of poor human nature, they are unable to resist; and as it is an important part of our duty to guard the legislative morals, and keep our representatives at Harrisburg as near as possible to the straight path of duty and strict integrity, we deprecate any efforts to introduce a burial-ground bill at the present time. Comparativelyfew interments are now made in the few old time-honored burial grounds that still remain unpolluted by the hand of the spoiler, and there is not the slightest evidence that the health of the city has suffered from them. When such is proved to be the case, the subject of abolishing intramural burials will receive the attention which it deserves; but we would much prefer that Senator Connell and other cemetery proprietors should not have the responsibility of deciding upon the necessity and judiciousness of such a change imposed upon them.

RECOMMISSIONED.

THE President last night sent to the Senate the name of General Henry H. Bingham to be recommissioned Postmaster of Philadelphia for four years from the date of confirmation. This is a graceful and deserved compliment to a most faithful public officer. It is the only case in which the new administration has recommissioned for a full term an officer of the late administration. General Bingham well merits the compliment. He has been not only a stern Republican, and is a gentleman, but he is probably the best postmaster Philadelphia has over had. He has touched our dead postal system, and it has become alive. His removal would have caused universal regret, and his recommission has caused universal satisfaction.

THE FINE ARTS.

The Hubibition at Harlos' Galleries. In the collection of pictures that has just been placed on exhibition at Earles' Galleries, there are several by Philadelphia artists which are deserving of more than the brief mention which was all we were able to give in our first notice.

Mr. James Hamilton exhibits two new works-"The Edge of the American Fall, Niagara," and "Prometheus." In this representation of the great cataract, as in his large painting on the same subject, Mr. Hamilton succeeds in giving an idea of the height, largeness, and volume of Niagara more successfully, perhaps, than any other artist that has attempted it. The point of view is so taken that while the top of the fall is far above the head of the spectator, the bottom is lost in the dense cloud of mist that rolls up from the vortex. Notwithstanding the important qualities mentioned, the "Niagara" is a very unsatisfactory work, and the same may be said of the "Prometheus," In this the crash of the elements, the war of water, earth, and sky, the conest of titanic forces; are all indicated with a certain amount of power, but the effect is that of the scene-painter, and the peculiar dingy grey which this artist seems excessively fond of is cold, unsympathetic, and disagreeable. Mr. Hamilton has more imagination than almost any of our artists, but he seems to be unable to give full expression to his ideas, and his best works are scarcely more than hints or enlarged sketches, powerful but crude. This is a radical defect in Hamilton's style, and while his small water-colors, drawings, and sketches are always spirited and often admirable, because they are valued simply as sketches and not as pictures, the same slap-dash method is badly adapted to larger works, where the immaturities of the sketch are exaggerated by each additional inch of canvas. We do not contend for finish as synonymous with smoothness and prettiness; but Mr. Hamilton's pictures would lose nothing if he would bestow more pains in working out his ideas, and if he would contrive to get away from the two or three effects to which he limits himself, and which he now threws upon the canvas almost mechanically.

Without the imagination of Hamilton, Mr. E. Moran is a vastly more painstaking and studious artist. Mr. Hamilton has not advanced a step in the last ten years, while Mr. Moran has shown a steady improvement, and his pictures are distinguished by the very qualities which those of Hamilton most decidedly lack. Mr. Moran studies nature, not under one or two, but under various aspects, and while the peculiarities of his style are sufficiently marked, he does not often fall into mere mannerisms. "The Reef of Norman's Woe," exhibited at Earles,' is a work of merit. The title is not, perhaps, the best that could have been chosen, as it raises the expectations of the spectator, while the artist has scarcely given full expression to the spirit of the poem, and the figure of the girl lashed to the broken must is not sufficiently prominent to, aid a great deal in enforcing the idea. The title, however, was probably an afterthought, and the picture has some fine points which are worthy of notice without regard to the subject. The glimpse of tender morning sky above the dark heghts to the left, the storm-cloud rolling away to the right, and the cruel waves dashed into foam on the rocks in the foreground, are all finely rendered. Hamilton, Moran, and indeed every other marine painter that we are aware of, are excelled in one important particular by Mr. W. T. Richards. This artist has not done much in the way of marine painting, but what he has attempted he has done well, and he has accomplished all that he undertook to do, "After a Storm, Nantucket Island," is his largest and most successful marine picture. His previous efforts in this line have been too highly finished for sketches, and not sufficiently strong in subject to be considered as complete pictures: have rather regarded them as careful we and elaborate studies, in which the artist endeavored to give a faithful and exact transcript of a particular phase of nature. In all of these works Mr. Richards succeeded wonderfully in giving life and motion to his water. A few years ago he exhibited side by side, as, we believe, his first attempts in this line of art, a flery sunset scene, and a grey misty effect, both being reminiscences of Nantucket. In the latter, especially, the swell of the water, creeping up out of the fog and swashing on the rocks, was rendered with remarkable skill. The spray, the edges of some of the waves, and the broken water in the foreground, too hard and liny, but the sen

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THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY. THE New York Tribune calls attention edito-

rially to the fact that the canvassing for the new positions on the bench of the United States Courts has been inaugurated already, and enters its protest against the consideration of the claims of any man who commences at this early day to seek these offices. It will be remembered that the act passed by Congress and approved by the President confers upon the Justices of the Supreme Court the privilege of retiring upon full pay, on attaining the age of seventy years. Two members of the court fall within this provision, and it is regarded as certain that one of them at least will avail himself of the opportunity to seek repose in the closing days of his life. This will create a vacancy on the Supreme Bench, and as the act of Congress also provides for the appointment of an additional justice, President Grant will find at his disposal at least two of the highest judicial positions in the country. In addition to these, the newly-created circuit judgeships are to be filled, and they are scarcely less important, and should be tendered to men of the most unimpeachable integrity and the most varied and thorough legal culture. Of late years these important considerations have not entirely guided our Presidents in selecting the men who are to give weight and dignity to the jurisprudence of the country. The people will, therefore, look with great interest to the course of the new President in the matter, and they will expect him to ignore the claims of any and every ambitious politician who has no higher

sense of the qualifications required of a jurist than to resort to the usual disreputable method of securing an office.

If any position in the country should seek a man who is thoroughly qualified for the discharge of its duties, it certainly is that of a judge of one of our highest Federal courts. The jurisprudence of many of the States has been sunk to the very lowest standard by the system of an elective judiciary, whereby men who are totally unfitted for any office of responsibility have been unabled to ascend the bench only to reflect discredit upon it to the full measure of their partisan stupidity. The Federal Government has wisely adhered to the old system of appointment by the Executive, with a continuance in office daring life or good behavior. But even this safeguard may be rendered nugatory by the machinations of the professional politicians. The judges who are to receive their commissions from President Grant will necessarily, from the tenure of their offices, remain upon the bench in most cases for years after our present Chief Magistrate has retired from his exalted position. If any of these should prove to be notoriously anflited for the impartial and infelligent discharge of judicial dutics, they will be come standing reproaches of the administration by whom they were clothed with the ermine; and unless they should commit some grossly overt act, the avowed purpose of President Grant to make a second trial whenever he has been led into error in appointing persons to office cannot be carried into effect. Every consideration, therefore, demands that only the purest and ablest men in the country should be entrusted with judicial functions. As such men seldom or never seek office, it will be entirely safe for the President to put a summary quietus upon the claims of every applicant who comes to

ion of movement was conveyed in a manner that indicated a close, careful, and intelligent study of nature, and a thoroughly trained hand.

This quality of motion is the most marked characteristic in the picture now on exhibition at Earles'. The horizon is hid by the outlines of the waves that race one after the other towards the shore; above is a stretch of sky covered with watery clouds, and below is a strip of sandy beach, where the waves roll up and then recade to be lost in those that follow As far as the subject goes, there is not much more in it than in the other marines by the same artist to which allusion has been made; but it requires no great stretch of the imagination to fancy that the noise of the angry sea can be heard, and that the huge wave that lifts itself above the others against the sky will in a second more sink at our feet in a long roll of foam. The sky is not altogether satisfactory, the color being somewhat spotty in places, and the whole picture is rather too thinly painted, and is wanting in texture ; but in spite of its defects. which are of but minor moment, it is a very decided SUCCESS.

Three small works by Mr. W. H. Willcox have some points of excellence which entitle them to at least a passing comment. These are "Moonrise, Chicago Harbor," almost too smoky in effect; and "A November Day on the Prairie," representing a fat strotch of country covered with a dense growth of grass and bushes, and overhung by dark clouds, through which the sunlight gleams, and defines the distance by a line of light. The same general effect is represented in the third picture, a "View on the susquehanna near Columbia." Mr. George B. Wood, Jr., who appears to have almost abandoned landscape, has four small genre subjects, which, while they are scarcely equal to the best French and German pictures of the same class, show a very decided improvement, and are far in advance of anything that this artist has yet pro-duced. These are "The Old Tink er," "The Stocking Knitter," a very clever little picture; "The Brook," Three small works by Mr. W. H. Willcox have

Knitter," a very clever little picture; "The Brook," and "The Cottage Door." "The Engagement between the Monitor and Mer-

"The Engagement between the Monitor and Mer-rimac," by Xanthus Smith, is one of the largest pic-tures that this artist has yet produced. Mr. Smith was an eye-witness of this encounter, and he has given a very spirited and undoubtedly faithful repre-sentation of one of the greatest and most momentous navai battles of the world's history. These pictures, with Mr. Hill's "Yo Semite Valley," which improves upon acquaintance: Mr. Constant Mayer's "Good Words;" Mr. Bierstadt's effective and defective "Mount Vesuvias in Kruption," the chromos and their originals, and a few American and

foreign pictures of interest, make a small but attrac-tive exhibition, which is worthy the attention of all lovers of art.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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