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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1869.

THE CITY COUNCILS. Several matters of interest came up for con-

sid ration before City Councils yesterday. Mr. Hookey, one of the Democratic members of Select Council, showed a disposition to Andrew Johnsonize the Mayor, and to get np a tenure of office issue in regard to the policemen, but his efforts were not attended with any great degree of success, and his failure is apparently attributable, in part, to his abandonment of his own project. After offering a resolution directing the Mayor to reinstate certain policemen who were summarily removed, which was amended by adding other names, and after declaring that he doubted if the Mayor had the authority to summarily dismiss officers without the consent of Select Conneil, Mr. Hookey voted for a postponement of the consideration of the whole subject, but it was finally referred to the Committee on Police. There is but little hope, however, that that body will discover any legal remedy, under the present system, for the glaring evil of a partisan reorganization of the police force whenever a Democratic Mayor succeeds a Republican, or vice versa. The people must look to the Legislature for an amendment of the vital defect in the Act of Consolidation which permits these wholesale removals, They are no longer tolerated in other large city, and if they to be continued here the efficiency of the police will be so much weakened that it will be scarcely worth maintaining. Since the citizens are called upon to pay about a million of dollars per annum to support this standing army, they have a right to expect and demand that it shall be so constituted as to render the greatest possible amount of good service; but when their money is wasted in supporting men who are the serviceable allies of the dangerous enemies of society, who give information to criminals to assist in their escape from justice, and who refuse to appear in Court to testify against arraigned prisoners, they are taxed to sustain and aid, rather than to repress crime. While ballot-box stuffers can demand as a reward for their guilty partisan zeal that their criminal associates shall be quartered on the city as policemen, we can never expect a creditable force, especially as they supplant hundreds of men who had served the city long and well, but who were turned adrift solely on account of their refusal to subscribe to Democratic doctrines and to support Democratic candidates. There is no excuse for a refusal of the Republican Legislature of the State to provide a remedy for these wrongs. If they disregard partisan considerations altogether, let them so arrange a commission that hereafter the force may be composed of Republican and Democratic appointees in approximately equal proportions; but let them, at all events, rescue the city from the manifest evils arising from changes on political grounds, and the substitution of raw or unworthy new ap-

pointees for faithful and trustworthy officers. A deep interest was also excited by the message of the Mayor vetoing the resolutions approving the sureties of the Republican can lidates for City Solicitor, City Controller, Receiver of Taxes, and City Commissioner, whose right to hold those offices was affirmed by the late decision of the Court of Common Pleas. Under the circumstances, the Mayor no doubt felt constrained to give to his fellow condidates on the Democratic ticket of 1868. who were less fortunate than himself, all the benefits that could possibly arise from his veto while the appeal to the Supreme Court remains undecided. But his action appears to have met with little favor in Common Council, where the sureties were approved, in spite of his veto, by a vote of 34 to 7. The Select branch did not act on the subject, and if the question assumes a strictly partisan aspect there he may be sustained, as the Republicans do not possess a two-thirds vote, but it is considered not improbable that he will also be overruled in that body.

In the Common branch, after the passage of an ordinance appropriating \$700,000 to the Commissioners of Fairmount Park, a spirited debate sprung up on an ordinance appropriating \$53,400 to the Water Department, in the course of which the action of the present Chief Engineer was on the one hand bitterly denounced and on the other warmly defended. Councilman Evans entered the lists against him, charging that he had expended more money during his administration than his predecessor, Birkenbine, and making the bold allegation that the evils arising from the recent drought were owing to his incompetency. Mr. Hanna, in defense of the Chief Engineer, declared that the assaults made by Evans were prompted by personal feeling. Final action was prevented by the absence of a quorum, and the discussion is only important on account of its exhibition of hostility on the part of several Republican members to the present Chief Engineer.

MAKING THE NAVAL SERVICE POPULAR.

It is gratifying to find that Secretary Robeson is alive to the necessity for making the naval service popular with seamen, by diminishing their hardships and granting them as much liberty as is consistent with good discipline. The circular issued by him under date of October 21, for the guidance of the officers of the navy, expresses ideas that will be most perdially approved of, and if the command-

ing officers carry out the Secretary's instructions in the spirit that they are given, they will do much towards inducing good men to enlist in the navy, and to remain there permanently. The Secretary very wisely thinks that the seamen in the navy should not needlessly be denied such indulgence as may be consistent with the efficiency and discipline of the service. This is a rather hard rap over the knuckles of certain commanding officers, who seem to imagine that discipline can only be maintained by a constant exercise of severity, and who, by their conduct towards those under their command, so far from making the navy popular, cause many a gallant tar to swear that if he ever gets out of Uncle Sam's clutches he will never put himself in a like predicament again. Many officers dole out a few hours' liberty on shore and other indulgences as if they were granting personal favors, and many men, after being confined on board ship for long cruises, are deprived of their liberty on shore as a punishment for the most trivial offenses. Indeed, this is one of the favorite punishments with many officers, who inflict it for reasons that are often exceedingly inadequate, while to the men it is particularly galling, tending to make them dissatisfied far more than some apparently severer penalties would do. In the year 1862 Congress passed a law forbidding, under heavy penalties, such punishments as tricing up by the thumbs, bucking, gagging, and others equally outrageous, and the officers of the navy were restricted to certain prescribed modes of reducing incorrigibles to subjection, which, however severe, were not necessarily cruel. There is good reason to believe, however, that this law is frequently disregarded, and a number of cases have been lately brought to the notice of the public in which commanders of vessels have been charged with cruelty towards their men, and with practicing the very modes of torture that are forbidden. The enlisted men in cases of this kind have a remedy, it is true, if they can only get a hearing: but there are innumerable difficulties in the way that, in a large majority of cases, practically leaves them no redress. Any complaints to the Navy Department against a commanding officer are obliged to pass through the hands of the officer himself and to receive his endorsement before the Secretary will take any notice of them and the consequence is that if a complaint is made, it is the easiest thing in the world for the offender to pocket it and thus prevent it from coming under the notice of his superior. This in reality is often done, and if the aggrieved seaman waits until his ship comes into port and he is discharged, he finds himself without the means to employ counsel, and is beset by other difficulties, so that he is really without a remedy and must submit in silence. The Secretary of the Navy will be doing a good thing for the service if he will follow up the instructions of his circular by offering the subordinate officers and seamen more opportunities than they have at present to obtain justice when they are wronged; and unless he does this, his humane and kindly recommendations might as well never have been made, so far as some of the officers in the service are concerned.

The Secretary, in addition to his wish that the seamen should be allowed more privileges, condemns the practice of withholding their pay until the end of the cruise, and especially the practice of taking away their pay by summary courts-martial. He wisely and humanely remarks that "summary courtsmartial are intended to punish cases not serious enough for the attention of a general court, and there are a variety of punishments proper to be inflicted, which will be found effective to maintain discipline, without taking from the sailors the compensation for their time, labor, and exposure."

That the Secretary of the Navy should be obliged to issue such a circular as this shows that the service is not popular with seamen, as it ought to be. Almost absolute power, like that wielded by the commanding officer of a United States manof-war, too often has the effect of making men arbitrary and cruel in their treatment of subordinates; and there are officers now in the service who sigh for the good old times when they could order a poor fellow up to the gangway and give him a dozen lashes on his bare back for such offenses as spitting on the deck, not tying up his hammock neatly. and others of like character. Although this sort of thing is now done away with, life on board a man-of-war can be made utterly unbearable by a series of petty annoyances if the commander happens to have an ugly disposition; and while discipline must be maintained at all hazards, there is no reason why the sailors should not be treated as men, or that they should not have any indulgence consistent with the good of the service. We hope that Secretary Robeson will see that his circular is not made a dead letter; for if its recommendations are carried out in a proper spirit, it will do more to attract good, reliable. and skilful sailors into the navy than any other policy that could be adopted.

THE ECUMENICAL.

A Highly Colored Picture.

The following extract is from the leading article in the Observatore Romano of the 7th inst:-"Oh, how marvellous will be the 8th of December, 1869! A housand abbots, generals of orders, bishops, archbishops, primates, patriarchs, and cardinals will in St. Peter's the ingress of the King of Peace. Hundreds of thousands of Catholics, many of whom already crowd the capital of the Pope's States, anxiously awaiting the day, will acclaim Pius IX when he will descend the stairs carried on his gestatorial chair, and passing through the atrium will enter that basilica where every statue, every ornament, every stone speaks of the eternity of the Apostolic See, established by God as the foundations of the Church and society—where the recollections of past triumphs are a reasonable excitement and a sure pledge for future triumphs which will only end with the last and final one, the exaltation of the just and the horrible condemnation of their persecutors!" of whom already crowd the capital of the Pope's

It remains to be seen how far this brilliant picture It remains to be seen how far this brilliant picture will be realized. With respect to the numbers of the prelates who may be expected, it seems to be exaggerated, for the writer of the above article puts down the whole strength of the episcopacy. Doubtless all who can come will, as they have all taken an eath to do so, on their being made bishops. But it is reported that from the made with the above. part of the episcopal body will be absent.

WHISKY FRAUDS.

The Flutter About Lancaster—Brooks After More Defrauders of the Revenue.

Says the Lancaster (Pa.) Express of last evening:

—The seizure of Good's distiliery, and Hariman & Co, w bitters manulactory for alleged frauds upon the Revenue, created an unusual talk during yesterday and last evening. Dr. Hartman had been absent in the West for some days, but on returning last evening immediately surrendered himself to Mr. James Bain, a Deputy United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who arrived here yesterday from Philatelphia to await Dr. Hartman's return. The Marsha, remained with him during the night, and this morning brought him before Hon. E. C. Reigart, United States Commissioner for this (che Nitath) Collection District. After hearing the statements of both sides, in which no evidence was Nithth) Collection District. After hearing the statements of both sides, in which no evidence was taken, the Commissioner held Dr. Hartman in \$5000 ball to answer before the United States District Court, sitting in Philadelphia. Dr. Hartman's sure ties are Stuart A. Wylie and A. Z. Riogwalt. Owing to the difficulty in obtaining information from the officers, in our report of yesterday, an important error is said to have been made. It was stated that the frauds were discovered in examining the books of Hartman & Co., whereas it is alleged that the books were found correct. Detective Brooks is said to were found correct. Detective Brooks is said to have stated that the books of Hartman & Co. were more correct than binely-nine out of every hundred which he has examined. We make this statement in justice to Mr. Lehman, the book-keeper of the firm.

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Detective Brooks started for Dauphin county yesterday to look after some distilleries said to be de-frauding the revenue in that section.

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