

The President's Motive.

Some feeling has been excited in Democratic circles by the announcement of the President that he could no longer tolerate the intrusion upon his time and attention by the office-seekers.

The President has recognized the claim that the offices belonged to the party which has placed the administration in power. He appreciates and gives due weight to the fact that the policy of an administration is best carried out by those who are in political sympathy with it, and who have an interest in its success, as supporters of the principles upon which that policy is founded.

It may be believed that no one has a more sympathetic feeling than he has for those who ask for the Federal positions under a Democratic administration for the reason that they are Democrats. This has been sufficiently shown by the patience with which he has given audience to those who have thronged upon him with their applications for positions, thus interfering with his attention to the public duties that are required of his high office.

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The Fair Will be Open on Sundays.

The World's Fair is to be open on Sunday. Its directors have decided that they can do without the appropriation made by Congress and will throw the gates of the Fair grounds open to the public on the Sabbath as well as any other day.

The government appropriation which has been forfeited amounts to \$2,500,000, which the Fair will have to clear on Sundays. As there remains just twenty-four Sundays it will be seen that the average receipts will have to be \$104,166, requiring paid admissions to the amount of 208,832 every Sunday until it closes in October.

pay, but if not there is every reason to suppose that it would have been better, from a pecuniary standpoint, to shut up on Sunday and take the appropriation.

The WATCHMAN has been in favor of Sunday openings from the first, and to convince its readers that there will be far less harm done in allowing visitors to walk quietly through the Fair buildings, where there is really nothing to be seen but the best efforts of a christian era, than to shut them out, we need but call attention to the fact that on last Sunday eighteen thousand visitors, having no place else to go, turned out to witness the exhibition of a wild west show.

It Should be Vetoed.

The bill authorizing the erection of and maintenance of eel weirs and fish baskets in the various streams of the State has passed the House finally and now only awaits the Governor's signature to become a law. This it should never receive, however, for there is very little use in maintaining a public fishery at an enormous cost if the State is going to legalize such wholesale destruction of the fish as the Toole bill would make possible.

It may be said that the fish basket is only to be used during four months in the year. But every one knows that in most localities the four months, under the law, is usually dragged out to cover the whole twelve in every year. All kinds of fish are taken from the streams and in such quantities as to completely rob them in a very short time.

Chinese Disasters.

Two Large Fires—Over 2,000 Persons Burned to Death. SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—Advices from China and Japan report two disastrous fires, resulting in the destruction of 4,400 native houses in Manila. It is reported that they originated from a family quarrel in a native house, a woman having thrown a brazier of hot coals at her husband, which missed its mark and set fire to the place.

Information has been received at Hong Kong that shows that the disaster at Kam Li sometime ago during the progress of a festival in which 1,400 lives were said to have been lost was far more terrible than at first reported. While the performance of some theatricals were in full swing three mat sheds containing over 3,000 persons were set on fire. The dry thatting burned rapidly and the supports giving away, fell and suffocated a majority of the audience. One of the mat sheds was occupied solely by women and children and when this was fired a band of well-dressed Chinese, who were wholly unknown to the natives of the district, rushed in and seized the best looking young women and girls to the number of thirty or forty and carried them away.

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The Reception to the Infanta.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The message of Secretary Gresham to Minister Snowden at Madrid on Sunday night informing him of the conclusions reached by the administration upon the matter of the reception and entertainment of the Infanta Eulalie, which was at once conveyed to the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, was apparently satisfactory to the government of Spain, inasmuch as the Captain General of Cuba received instructions yesterday to have the program governing the Infanta's movements as originally prepared carried out in the departure of her Highness and suite from Havana for New York.

The cablegram to Minister Snowden directed him to advise the Spanish Government that all courtesy and consideration due to the rank and station of the Princess would be observed by the Government of the United States. This does not definitely settle the mooted question whether or not President Cleveland will call upon the Princess at her hotel after she has paid her respects to the Chief Executive at the White House. The program for her stay in this city includes a dinner to the Infanta and party by President and Mrs. Cleveland at the White House.

America's Rights in Behring Sea.

PARIS, May 16.—Sir Charles Russell resumed his argument to-day in behalf of the British case before the Behring Sea Tribunal of Arbitration. Sir Charles argued that the seizures made of British vessels in Behring Sea were not justifiable and he reviewed at length the origin and nature of the rights transferred by Russia to the United States in 1867. Sir Charles' contention was that the rights derived from Russia by the United States were merely the ordinary property rights in the soils and not in the seals.

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Crisp Will be Speaker.

Already Planning to Reorganize the House Committee. Cleveland Resents a Slur. He Turns Down a Man Who Doubtless His Democracy—Carlisle Fills the Place of the Man Who Never Voted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—EX-Speaker Crisp will be re-elected Speaker when Congress assembles in extra session in September, without opposition. Last Thursday night Mr. Crisp dined with President Cleveland and it is understood that the organization and the legislation of the next House were thoroughly considered.

Having been accorded a practically unanimous re-election, Mr. Crisp will be free, as few of his predecessors have been, to make up the committees of the House without considering particular obligations to any of its members. Whatever obligations he may have felt to those who made him Speaker two years ago have been discharged, so that they need not feel slighted if they do not get as prominent places as they have held during the past two years. His purpose, it is understood, is to make a general and complete reorganization of the committees and to constitute the more important ones as to make it certain that the measures for tariff reform, pension reform, financial reform and Civil Service reform, recommended by the Administration, shall be given every possible advantage. To this end, it is understood that Mr. William L. Wilson will be made chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and that the other Democratic members of that committee will be taken from the Cleveland men, including all the survivors of the Mills Bill Committee.

It is also understood that, while Mr. Wilson will report the Tariff bill and other important legislation from the Ways and Means Committee, the changes adopted in the organization of the last House, under which the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee ceased to be the parliamentary leader of the majority on the floor, will be continued, and that Mr. McMillin will be given the place of parliamentary leader, being officially designated as the leading member of the Committee on Rules after the Speaker, who is ex-officio chairman. Mr. McMillin will also be a member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The majority will therefore have the advantage of Mr. Wilson's ability and learning where they will be most useful, while Mr. Wilson will have the advantage of being relieved by Mr. McMillin of the strain and burden of the leadership on the floor, for which Mr. McMillin is as well fitted intellectually and much better fitted physically.

In the proposed reorganization of the House, Mr. Catchings, of Mississippi, and Mr. Montgomery, of Kentucky, Mr. Crisp's chief lieutenants in his campaign of two years ago, will not have such prominent places as they had in the last House. Chairman Holman, of the Appropriations, and Chairman Bland, of the coinage committee, will, it is understood, be succeeded by Cleveland men while strong men will be put at the head of the Committees on Pensions and on Civil Service Reform.

The fact that Mr. Crisp is certain of re-election without opposition will enable him to have his committees ready in advance, so that no time will be lost in the organization of the House, and thus a fortnight at least will be gained for the consideration of the Tariff bill and other legislation.

Mr. William L. Wilson, who is in the city, will have charge from now on of the preparation of the Tariff bill.

An Act.

"Relating to the naturalization of aliens and prohibiting the payment of the expenses connected therewith by officers and members of political organizations and by candidates." SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That on and after the passage of this act the certificates of naturalization shall be printed on parchment and it shall be unlawful for any officer or member of any committee or organization of any political party or any candidate for office nominated by any political party or nomination papers or for any person in behalf of said committee organization or candidate to pay or furnish the money to pay or in any way to become responsible for the payment of the fees and expenses directly or indirectly incurred by an alien in attending upon any court for the purpose of and in obtaining his naturalization papers.

SECTION 2. Any person violating the provisions of the first section of this act shall upon conviction in a summary proceeding before any city magistrate or justice of the peace who are hereby given jurisdiction to try said offenders in a summary way for each offence pay a fine of fifty dollars which when collected shall be paid into the county treasury of the county wherein the offense was committed.

SECTION 3. If any person convicted in the manner prescribed in the second section of this act and sentenced to pay a fine or fines shall refuse or fail to forthwith pay said fine or fines and costs to the city magistrate or justice of the peace before whom he is convicted or give satisfactory security to be approved by said magistrate or justice of the peace to pay the same within ten days he shall be committed to county jail there to be held one day for every five dollars of the fine which he has been sentenced to pay. Provided however, That said imprisonment shall not prevent the collection of said fine or fines and costs by legal process.

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To Be Open on Sunday.

Decision at a Meeting of the World's Fair Directors. None of the Buildings to be Closed—The \$2,500,000 Appropriation of Congress to be Returned—Machinery will not be Run.

CHICAGO, May 16.—The directors of the World's Columbian Exposition decided to-day to abrogate their contract with Congress by which they bound themselves to close the Fair on Sunday in consideration of an appropriation of \$2,500,000.

The money will be returned to the government and hereafter the fair will be opened Sundays. This course was decided upon at a special meeting of the directors this afternoon. Most of the directors were dissatisfied with the plan adopted at their last meeting by which it was proposed to open the grounds Sundays while closing all buildings containing exhibits. To-day's action was practically unanimous, but two directors out of thirty-six voting against the proposition.

By the terms of the resolution adopted to-day the machinery will be closed down on Sunday, but in every other respect the Fair will be open in all departments the same as on secular days. Originally \$1,929,120 of the appropriation made by Congress has been turned over to the Exposition Company and this amount is to be returned to the National Treasury after the debts of the Exposition have been paid.

A rule embodying these points will be submitted to the National Commission for approval. What action this body will take is problematical, as a mere working quorum of the members is at present in the city. In any event it is the evident purpose of the local directors to open the Fair Sundays, even at the expense of a rupture with the national body.

BAD EFFECT OF THE WEATHER.

While the weather may be a monotonous subject to read and talk about, it is nevertheless becoming a serious matter to thousands of people who are financially and otherwise interested in the Exposition. This is the sixteenth day, and more bleak disagreeable weather it would be hard to find anywhere at this season of the year. The effect is seen on all sides. The attendance this morning was lighter than it has been for many days and the Exposition people are discouraged accordingly.

The average paid attendance so far has not been much over seventeen thousand daily, which is far below the number necessary to meet even the operating expenses of the Exposition, to say nothing of the millions of half dollars needed to pay the bondholders and stockholders of the great enterprise. Thousands of strangers are in the city waiting for fine weather to come to Jackson Park, but they refuse to shiver on the lake shore even for the sake of seeing the Fair. Outdoor work in the Midway Plaisance and other parts of the Exposition is also being retarded by the cold.

Killed a Green Goods Man.

Edward Hoerner, of Steelton, May Answer for Murder.

NEW YORK, May 16.—The brothers Hoerner, of Steelton, Pa., who planned to beat George Phillips and his green goods game, and finally shot him, may stand trial for their lives. Philip is dead. Warden Doyle, of Raymond street jail, Brooklyn, broke the news of Phillips' death to the prisoners at 10 o'clock to-night. Both broke down and cried bitterly.

"We may as well tell the truth, now," they cried, together. "We are brothers, and our names are Robert and Edward Hoerner. We both live in Steelton, Pa., but did not come here to hurt anybody."

Edward said that he did not shoot at Phillips until the latter attacked him first. "I suppose," said Edward to Mr. Doyle, "that it will not go hard with us. Those men robbed us of our good money but please don't ask us any more, as we feel too terrible about this affair. My God! I did not mean to hurt that man."

The Aldine Hotel, Philadelphia, Badly Damaged by Fire.

PHILADELPHIA, May 14.—A fire caused by a defective fire in the bake house of the Aldine hotel, badly gutted the building to-night and caused a loss estimated at about \$140,000. The 120 guests in the house and the servants escaped uninjured after an exciting experience.

The Aldine hotel is on Chestnut street above Nineteenth street and is one of the largest hotels in this city. It is about ninety feet front on Chestnut street with a large "L" running back from the main structure to Sansom street, a distance of about 225 feet. The Chestnut street front is eight stories in height crowned by a false mansard roof. The hotel does not depend for its patronage upon the traveling public, but was the home of permanent guests. There were about 120 guests in the hotel among whom were many prominent business and professional men. A. A. McLeod, ex-president of the Reading railroad, had fine apartments on the second floor.

Tunneled Their Way to Liberty.

LOUISVILLE, May 16.—Four of the most desperate convicts confined in the Indiana Prison at Jeffersonville made their escape last night by tunneling through the floor of their cell. Those who escaped are Nathan Bell, serving a nine year term for burglary; Robert Adams, burglar, seven years; Frank McCarthy and William Nelson, alias Rodgers, ten and five years respectively for burglary.

Nine People Drowned.

CONNEAUT, O., May 17.—The tug Conneticut and scow were washed out into the lake from this harbor at 5 o'clock this morning and foundered. Seven men and two women, who were on board, were drowned. Seven of the nine were in sight when the boat went down.

Rains Cause Floods.

Destruction Wrought in the Northwestern Part of the State—Drowning of a Boy.

ERIE, Pa., May 18.—This section of the state has been badly flooded owing to the heavy and incessant rainfall. Buildings and wooden bridges have been carried down by the score, and the drowning of Jacob Heberle, a lad of 14, was due to the flood. Many manufacturing establishments, warehouses and similar buildings are flooded. The fire department was kept out all night rescuing people in the flooded district. The waters are rising and there is still imminent danger. The floods are the most destructive ever known here. It is impossible to estimate the damage done, but it is probably not less than half a million dollars. The damage to the Jarecki Manufacturing company's plant alone is placed at \$100,000.

Scores of houses were washed away, but no additional fatalities have been reported. Railroad bridges and culverts are washed away on all sides of Erie. All trains are cancelled on the Erie and Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and Erie roads. The first train west on the Lake Shore since last evening left the Erie depot at 10 a. m. It is still raining, but the gorges in Mill Creek have been cleared away and the flood through the heart of the city is subsiding.

With High Honors.

The Infanta Will be Received With Proper Ceremonies.

MADRID, May 15.—An official statement has been issued concerning the reception of the Infanta Eulalie in the United States. It says that the Spanish government regarded it as offensive to American courtesy that any negotiation should be made in advance as to the reception in the United States of the royal guests invited by the American people to attend the World's fair. Unsolicited, however, an intimation had been given by the Washington government that the infanta, as the representative of the queen of the nation who discovered America, would be received with high honors.

This statement was made in view of the many rumors now current concerning the difficulties of arranging the details of the infanta's visit to Washington.

A Steamer 800 Feet Long.

The White Star Line to Build the Longest Vessel Afloat.

LONDON, May 15.—The White Star Line has given an order to Harland & Wolff, the ship builders, for the construction of a steamer 800 feet long, which the firm is confident will beat anything afloat. The only difficulty for such a gigantic vessel will be the shallow water at the Mersey bar, but the White Star Company is arranging to have large tenders meet the great steamer further out.

The firm is at present hurrying the completion of the Gothic, 500 feet long and of 8,000 tons. The Gothic is being built on a new principle as to the engines and steering gear and is expected to equal the speed of the Campania and her sister steamer, as yet unlaunched, the Lucania. The Gothic will be launched about the end of June.

Pigeons Liberated at Clearfield.

CLEARFIELD, Pa., May 15.—Five baskets containing 430 Homing pigeons belonging to the Empire Flying club, of New York and Newark, were liberated here this morning. They were shipped to Adams Express agent Thompson Saturday. The birds circled a few minutes and then flew direct east for their homes. A number of stragglers remained behind. The air line distance to New York is about 250 miles and is estimated that the birds would fly it in six hours. The secretary of the club was telegraphed this evening for the time of arrival, but no answer has been received yet.

An Alleged Wife Murderer Arrested.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., May 16.—Edward Hughes was arrested at his home in Minersville, this county, to-day charged with the murder of his wife. Mrs. Hughes, who was a delicate woman, has been suffering severe abuse from her husband for a long time. A few days ago she was found unconscious and when restored she had lost her reason. She died yesterday. Hughes was brought to jail here this evening. On April 4 last Hughes stabbed John McCray, of Minersville, in the abdomen with a carving knife, and although his victim hovered between life and death for several weeks, Hughes walked about the streets defying arrest.

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Thomas Resignation Will be Asked.

CHICAGO, May 17.—The national commission has adopted the report of the music committee ordering the director general to request the resignation of Theodore Thomas as director of music at the Fair.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Dave Pierce, the colored barber who lived at Lemont and afterwards at State College, was married to May Hall, of Baltimore, on last Monday evening. The ceremony was performed in Phillipsburg. Dave has opened a barber shop in Kyertown.

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Last week too late to make mention in the WATCHMAN we heard of the death of Mrs. O. E. Houseman, of State College. She was an estimable woman and will be greatly missed by husband and daughter.

On Tuesday morning Mrs. Sam'l T. Gray, of Patton Twp., was stricken with severe head-ache, which by seven o'clock terminated in a stroke of apoplexy. Medical aid was summoned who on consultation had grave doubts as to results. At this writing (Wednesday evening) this estimable lady had so far recovered that hopes of speedy return of normal health imbued the entire home.

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AT WORK ON THE RAILROAD.—True to the announcement in last week's WATCHMAN gangs of men began work on the new railroad on Monday morning. Already over fifty men are at work and the force is being augmented as fast as men can be secured. The work is now being pushed through the Curtin farm, a few miles below town. It is expected to have several hundred men at work by the last of next week. The Central Railroad of Pennsylvania is a go for sure.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Issued during the past week—Taken from the docket.

Edmund Holmes, of New Jersey, and Mary Fisher, of Unionville.

David Pierce and May Hall, both of Phillipsburg.

Wm. Fleck, of Phillipsburg, and Mandy Smell, of Blue Ball.

J. F. Kepler, of New York, and Eva Shank, of Boggs Twp.

Roy Baldwin, of New York, and Mary A. Mills, of Boggs Twp.

John Mitchell and Sarah Farnace, both of Phillipsburg.

Wm. B. Fleck, of Bellefonte, and Mary Hoover, of Roland.

Herbert Morris and Jane Robson, both of Hawk Run.

Wm. R. Jenkins and Catharine Slott, both of Bellefonte.

Eugene Berry, of Beech Creek, and Bertha Schenck, of Howard.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the Bellefonte P. O. May 15, 1893.

Sue E. Bullock, Robert Dixon, H. J. Jacobs, Kate Jackson, Dr. L. S. Kistler, Lizzie Rossman, Dave B. Rider, H. J. Willeman & Co.

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Pine Grove Mentions.

Mrs. Essington of Milesburg is kindly administering to the wants of her convalescent sister Mrs. Hammar whose condition is but little improved.

Memorial services will be held in the M. E. church in this place Sunday 23rd. Last at half past 2 o'clock p. m. Services will be conducted by Rev. Illingsworth.

Grandmother Shiffer is on her way to the Windy city fair where she will spend the summer. Others are arranging to follow suit but as time rolls on few there will be from here to go.

Our young friend Constable J. B. Krebs who has gone to seek his fortune in distant fields found lucrative employment in the Mountain city where, we trust the duets will roll in rapidly.

Candidates are cropping out as prolifically as weeds during the wet weather. W. T. Speer this week in his usual good humor looked up his Democratic admirers, who are many in this section. He left a most favorable impression of his abilities to take care of Centre county's finances. A position we hope he will be called upon to fill.

J. G. Heberling Esq., this week disrobed of his official duties is in attendance as a representative of Penns. Valley Lodge No. 276 I. O. O. F. at Reading, where the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is in session this week. P. F. Boffor let go his grip on the plow handle to accompany Mr. Heberling, on a business tour on the vintage of the excursion routes.

Our townsman J. B. Ard has had his coat off all spring lending a helping hand in the repairing of his new quarters up town by the churches. He and Mr. Everts having exchanged residences, Joe has left nothing undone to make his new home comfortable. The interior has been remodeled while the outside has been made artistic by a coat of paint. Joe's legion of friends will find him a most hospitable host at his new home for he is one of the most genial of fellows, while his wife can make any one feel at home.

Memorial day with the Grand army will be observed as is customary for the proper observance of the day so sacred to the memory of our fallen heroes. All the different Sunday schools and children are enlisted in the work of gathering flowers for decoration purposes everybody is expected to use every effort for the observance of Memorial day and assist in the gathering every grave of our heroic dead.

All soldiers are solicited to take part in the exercises whether Grand Army members or not. Decoration services will be held at Fairbrook cemetery at 10 o'clock a. m. at Pine Grove cemetery at 2 o'clock p. m. at Pine Hall cemetery at half past 2 o'clock p. m. Prominent speakers have been invited and are expected to take part in the services.

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