

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.

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 thatching burned rapidly and the supports giving away, fell and suffocated a majority of the audience.

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Crisp Will be Speaker.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—EX-Speaker Crisp will be re-elected Speaker by Congress assembled 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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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Rains Cause Floods.

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.

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—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.

—A great thing just closed out a special lot of manufacturing clothing, 500 pair of fine pants in neat stripes they were made to retail at \$5.00 we give them to you at \$3.00 and \$3.50 the noblest goods we have ever seen. Lyon & Co.

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 Mandry 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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