

COURTSHIP IN CHICAGO.

Chicago has long been notorious for her divorcees, but she has not, hitherto, enjoyed any special distinction over her sister cities in the matter of courtship.

When ushered into the parlor the license was produced and found to be for Hoxby Wicker. The bridegroom, with an oath, declared that he "supposed that he must marry that girl."

THE "TRIBUNE" TRANSFORMATION.

Schuyler Colfax Assumes the Editorial Chair—History of the Negotiations. (From the New York World, 17th ult.)

perative upon him to refuse this offer. He then sold to Mr. Orton.

Mr. Reid, finding the other stockholders indifferent about selling their stock, saw that he was checkmated, and on consideration with his backers concluded to give up the battle and sell out.

Mr. Orton called upon Mr. Reid on Monday night and offered him the position of managing editor. Mr. Reid refused it.

Mr. Reid has given all the Tribune staff whose work is not political to understand that he does not consider them bound in honor to share his voluntary exile; and it is likely that there will be no changes in the non-political department.

Eight of the shares bought by Mr. Orton are said to be reserved for Mr. Colfax. Dr. Ayer parts with eight of his fourteen shares.

WHAT MR. REID SAYS. The writer called yesterday upon Mr. Whitelaw Reid for the purpose of learning how close an approximation of facts was contained in the story circulated as to the change of ownership of the Tribune stock.

"It is true as to the greater part, although a few of the details are somewhat incorrect. At the meeting yesterday (Monday) Mr. William Orton purchased fifty-one shares of the stock, thus obtaining a majority and consequently a controlling interest."

"Yes, I consented to do so at the request of Mr. Orton, with whom my relations have always been very cordial. Of course I could have no connection with the journal after a change of policy had been decided upon by the stockholders."

"How many of those now connected with the Tribune accompany you in your retirement?" "Many offered to do so, and sent in their resignations; but most of those I have retained, and in fact discouraged resigning as much as I could, so the staff of the paper will not be materially affected by the change."

Among the shares controlled by Mr. Sinclair were the twelve of the Clark estate, and all the other trustees insisted that Mr. Sinclair was bound under the by-laws of the association to sell to them before selling at the same price to an outside party.

THE EDITORIAL STAFF. The following names will be read with interest as being those of the gentlemen forming the editorial and city staff of the Tribune under the old regime.

Whitehead Reid, John R. G. Hassard, Oliver Johnson, John Hay, Noah Brooks, George Ripley, Charles T. Congdon, Mrs. Moulton, Mrs. R. H. Davis, Mrs. L. G. C. Runkle, Mrs. G. H. S. Hull, Mrs. Laura Lyman, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Kate Fields, W. M. O'Dwyer, C. S. Hunt, J. L. Hance, P. T. Quinn, William H. Trafton, E. E. Sterns, H. J. Ramsdell, E. C. Steadman, A. B. Crandell, J. D. Nicholson, J. B. Bishop, H. H. St. Clair, Clarkson Taber.

JUDICIAL SALARIES. The New York World makes the following pointed comparison between the salaries received by judges in that city, and our national judges:

Table with 2 columns: Position and Salary. Includes Marine Court judges (\$60,000), Recorder judge (\$15,000), City judge (\$15,000), District Civil judges (\$10,000), District Police judges (\$8,000), Superior Court judges (\$9,000), Common Pleas judges (\$9,000), Supreme Court judges (\$7,500).

Table with 2 columns: Position and Salary. Includes Chief Justice (\$8,500), Eight Associate Justices (\$6,000), Nine Circuit Judges (\$4,000), District judges of the United States (\$175,000), Chief Justice of the District of Columbia (\$30,500), Five judges of the Court of Claims (\$27,000).

Total. \$349,940. Thus showing that the judicial force of that city costs the tax-payers therein \$187,680 more than the whole judicial force of the United States costs the nation.

What will the "reformers" now in power in the city and Albany do about it? What will Congress say to this exposure? Shall city salaries go constitutionally down, or Federal salaries go up? Or shall it be both movements? We cannot believe it at all necessary that there be so many courts in this country, with such an array of clerks, deputies, stenographers, bailiffs, attendants, and the like.

This natural history editor of the Lexington, Kentucky, Press tells this: "A lady residing in a city not a hundred miles from Lexington is the possessor of two pets—a monkey and a parrot—who are by no means congenial friends; in fact Mrs. C. was in the habit of locking up the monkey whenever she left the house, for fear of his belligerent qualities."

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