WASHINGTON NOIDS.

It is fortunate for the peace and comfort of a new President that the custom of retaining certain employes of the Executive Massion from admin-Istration to administration is an established one. Many of the staff at the White House have been there for years, some of them dating their terms of service back to General Grant's first Administration. It is only the personal servants who are changed. and some of these have grown old in their places.

W. L. Pruden, the assistant secretary, and Colonel William H. Crook the executive clerk, with three or four of the clerks under them, have passed more than a quarter of a century at the President's house, and to their executive ability and deep knowledge of affairs are due the smoothness with which its machinery is run. When a change in Presidents occurs, their long experience is of incalculable value. and during the first few months of an administration as well, when both the President and his secretary are unaccustomed to the work.



SECRETARY SHERMAN'S RESIDENCE. In the official household Mr. Pruden and Colonel Crook rank next to the President's secretary, and are his executive officers. Mr. Pruden has charge of the numerous bills, and is the President's messenger to Congress. Colonel Crook is the paymaster of the house and looks after the files; but besides their routine duties they are both looked upon as oracles in official mat-

ters, and are consulted on all difficult

There were at the capital during Inauguration week the daughters of three Presidents: Mrs. Semple, the daughter of President Tyler; Mrs. Sartoris, the daughter of President Grant, and Mrs. Stanley-Brown, President Garfield's only daughter. There was also present Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston, the niece of President Buchanan, who, both while her uncle was Minister to the Court of St. James and while he was Chief Executive, presided over his household with dignity and

President McKinley has had some training in the business of seeing men | self, rather than of her enemies. and women who called upon him to 'pay their respects," but he is just now finding out for the first time what it is to be asked to listen to the importunities of those who seek office. The office seekers are losing no time. They were at the White House in shoals on Friday morning, and at times they contributed to the crush on the stairway from the main floor to the President's office on the floor above. While the departments are still in need of new Assistant Secretaries, and the chances of appointment are open the patriot who is prepared to give up lucrative private business in order to be able to serve his country in Washington will be very buoyant. The pretexts with which some of the men of this class refer to their search are entertaining because they are so old, while the makers of them congratulate themselves that they are new and original. One New York man, who would not be quite satisfied with anything less than an Assistant Secretary's place, tells those who speak to him about his ambition that he does not care much for office holding for the sake of the fame or the emoluments of the office. "I have a great admiration for the President," he says, "conceived when he was in Congress. I know that he will have a task quite herculean. A Republican can do nothing more useful or patriotic than to relieve the President of some of his labor by sharing it. I am willing and anxious to be a burden bearer." But this gentleman, who is a lawyer, whose experience ought to have made him a valued adviser, seeks to be a burden bearer at a salary of \$4,000 or \$4,500 a year. There are no would-be "burden bear-

ers" who have announced that they

would prefer to take places without

salary than be disappointed in becom-

ing helpful to President McKinley.

Of resurrected persons there is a

goodly number. They will vex the

President greatly, for, having once

held office, and having had the expe-

rience required in obtaining it, they

are more artful than the tyro. The

Minister abroad who seeks reappoint-

ment to his old post and who brings recommendations from the nation to

which he was accredited is at once

too proud and diplomatically indiscreet. for the State Department does not like

They are apt to be taken as indicating

that the admitted the companies and

to have recommendations of thes be

own popularity too strictly,

A "recent visitor to the drawing rooms of reyalty and the English aristocracy" reports that the book most to be seen there is Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox's poems.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Sam Jones's price for fighting the consider the time Sam has been engaged in the business and the fact that the devil is still doing business at the old stand, it would seem that his with her!" charges are rather steep.

Pittsburg is to have illuminating gas at 50 cents per thousand feet, and the business for its hygienic advantages, either. They are eccentric enough to believe that a profit of 20 or 30 per cent on their investment will warrant them in going into the

forced on them by the labor unions, and may therefore become permanent charges on the public. Take these prisoners out and set them to work on the roads. Then something will be got out of them, and the labor unions as well as other people will be the bet-

When the Kansas Legislature completes the task of giving "statutory force" to the Ten Commandments, it should go ahead and promote public health by passing a law to make illness a penal offense. By the same token it might improve the general welfare by enacting a bill to make drought a misdemennor and a thunder storm a breach of the peace.

Some of Chicago's experimental phllanthropists propose that all vacant lots in that city shall be turned over to the poor for the cultivation of beans. The bean idea is merely a variation of the Pingree potato scheme, It is worth trying, however, and if it brings the bean pots of the East into closer relationship with the mess pork of the West, it will develop into a solid institution.

Secretary of State Palmer of New York has completed his report to the Legislature showing the criminal statistics of the state, as reported to him by the clerks of sixty counties. The report, which is purely statistical, shows, so far as recorded, convictions for crime which prove that the people of this state are growing better, and that crime is on the decrease, as compared with the record made in 1895.

To one who loves the study of nations the evolution of national charac ter and the shifting of the world's controlling influences, surely Spain to-day must open a field unexampled in modern times for tragic interest. Long removed from friction with either the constructive or destructive politics of Europe, blessed in natural resources and rich in tradition, she has continued steadily a victim of her-

Experts estimate that 75 per cent of the silks now worn by American women are manufactured in this country. If this is correct, it indicates an enormous expansion of what is everywhere regarded as one of the most difficult and exacting of all textile industries. It has taken infinite care and expense to establish American silks in public favor, but the fact that it has been done is a positive triumph for the methods employed in the manufacture and treatment of those fabries in this country.

More than 3,000,000 persons in the famine-stricken districts of India are to keep up with it. new subsisting on public and private charity, and this number will probably be increased to 5,000,000 before the beginning of June. The relief rendered by the government is inadequate, but it is draining the resources of the country so completely that a long period of industrial and and business depression must necessarily ensue after the present distress has passed away. The combined effects of famine and plague will be to bring upon India the severest and most protracted interval of financial hardship she has ever experienced.

The Brooklyn Eagle, Democratic, says: When Gen. Stewart L. Woodford said in Washington yesterday that he believed that the appointment of Mr. Bliss would be satisfactory to Republicans of all shades in this state, he justified the confidence which his friends have in his ability to do and say the right thing at the right time, If Gen. Woodford had been unable to recognize the merit of a rival, and had not had sufficient self-control to speak courteously of that rival in the hour of his success, he would have been unfit for the office to which he aspired, Such conduct as this conserves civilization. It makes it easy for men to work together for the general good, because it shows that the general good is what we care for more than for personal advancement. We are headed in the right direction, and the time will soon come when men can strive for office without believing that the other man is a villain. Difference of opinion does not involve moral obliquity, nor does the availability of a man for a certain office prove that SUBSCRIBE FOR other men would not fill the office just

as well.

THE VERY NEWEST WOMAN.

devil is \$2,000 per month. When we The Observed of All as She Painted a Sign on a Theater Wall.

" Hully gee, but she's got her nerve

A volley of chaff and comment was bandied to and fro over that interthe men who will supply it are not in afternoon. The cause? Only a woman painting a sign, but the sign was well up on the wall of Czar Oscar Hammerstein's Olympia.

It told of joys to come for the patrons of vaudeville when the chaste humor of "Silly's Dinner" shall have yielded place to the classic features Two more convicts in Auburn have of " Mrs. Radley Barton's Ball ; or, gone insane through the idleness en- Greater New York." May be it was the subtitle that caught the crowd. Anyhow the broad expance of street was lined hour after hour with curious spectators.

The woman was young and by no means ill looking. On the lofty pinnacle formed by a staging with a protecting canvas she worked as placidly and indifferently as it secluded in a studio and the crowd was miles away. Curves, flourishes and ornamental designs of all kinds grew under her brush and elicited favorable comment from the gamins and newsboys. But she worked heedlessly on.

She was New York's latest new woman .- New York Journal.

What use is there in eating when food does you no good-in fact, when it does you more harm than good, for such is the case if it is not digested? If you have a loathing for food there is no use of forcing it down, for it will the digestive organs to their natural strength and cause the food to be digested, when an appetite will come, and with it a relish for food.

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