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Office of Notary Public.
The Senate of Pennsylvania took a new
departure yesterday in rejecting several
gubernatorial appointments on purely
partisan grounds, and raised an issue which
may yet prove very embarrassing to the
Republicans in that body and throughout
the State.

But it was in the treatment of notary
public that the Republican majority in the
Senate showed the cloven foot, horns and
forked tail. Of all the governors we have
ever had Gov. Pattison has least made a
political office of that of notary public; he
shows the minimum of partisan discrimination
in his appointments to it. Gov. Hoyt used to
say that he appointed all comers, regardless
of politics, and when he had named four
hundred a year, at a revenue of \$26 for each
commission, he would say he felt that he had
earned his salary for the commonwealth. But
it will be easily remembered by the people of
this city that for many years past only a single
Democrat was ever appointed notary public
in Lancaster city, under a long line of
Republican governors; and it will not be
forgotten that some years ago such intense
partisan interests controlled these appointments,
that a Republican governor refused to re-commission
Marriott Brosius because he did not suit the bosses
in each and every particular.

Democratic notaries public: John A.
Coxley, John E. Malone; Chas. E. Wentz;
Robert Clark.
It would be no exaggeration to say that
the Republicans here have three-fourths of
the patronage of this office; they probably
control at least two-thirds of it throughout
the State. Governor Pattison has certainly
appointed more of them than Democrats; and
assuredly no governor has ever signed
more than a majority of commissions for
appointees of the opposition as he has.

Now the Senate, by a solid Republican
vote, refuses to confirm two of his appointees
simply because they are Democrats,
and because he chose to send in their
names before he sent in those of some
Republican whom Senator Huff and of
another whom Senator Somebody else wanted
to be appointed. Against Mr. Marchand
of Westmoreland, no allegation whatever
was made, save that he was a Democrat,
and Huff wanted a Republican. In the
case of Stone, from Juniata county, it was
shown that he had been a Confederate
soldier; and this was pointed upon as a
pretext by such feather-headed wavers of
the bloody shirt as Osborn and Gobin, and
narrow minded partisans like Cooper, to
rally their party to the defeat of the
confirmation. Of course it was a mere
pretext. At this distance from the war
and after conspicuous Confederates have
been, again and again, elevated to positions
of high importance by the Republicans,
such opposition to a notary public appointee
is as baseless as would be the exclusion
of its subject from a dry goods store, for
like reason. No soldier who was not a
coward and no senator who was not a sneak
would cherish such a sentiment.

The issue raised yesterday was not
whether an ex-Confederate is fit for civil
office, but whether the executive shall be
coerced into making one appointment by
the refusal of a partisan senate to confirm
another. There is no dispute that had
Gov. Pattison named the other notaries
asked for, Stone and Marchand would
have encountered no opposition. He did
exactly right to defy the bulldozers; and
he can afford to do it to the end.

Whatever may be thought of the
proposition to wipe out the entire internal
revenue tax, it will hardly be gained that
the Philadelphia tax exchange is right in
declaring that the tax on distilled spirits,
entering into medical preparations and the
mechanical arts, is "excessive, being about
six times the cost of production. A tax
so excessive, so demoralizing and so inviting
to fraud can have no excuse, except in
times of public peril, or as a war measure,
or in some other of public need, to supply
a depleted treasury, or to limit the production
of the article."

The Wisconsin Senate and Assembly took
on Tuesday for United States Senator
Spooner received 18 and Bragg 12. In the
Assembly Spooner received 58, Bragg 30.

enters into the preparation or composition
of a vast variety of chemicals, essences,
perfumery and similar articles, whose
cost is enhanced by high-priced alcohol,
so as virtually to exclude them from
foreign consumption. On the other
hand the foreigner not only gets our alcohol
for consumption at about 20 per cent.
of its cost to the American consumer, but
he can manufacture it into compounds,
ship them back here at a tariff which does
not make up for the internal revenue discrimination, and our home industries are
put at a disadvantage.

It is alleged that if the druggists' alcohol
were freed from tax it would be bought
and used as a beverage, but the English
have shown that it can be unfitted for a
beverage while all its qualities for mechanical
and medical purposes remain unimpaired.
The complaint of the druggists is
reasonable and the remedy is practicable.

George Peck's Strange Story.
CLAIMING THAT HE IS THE HEIR TO
AN \$800,000 ESTATE.
The Editor Will Make to Prove That
He Is the Grandson of Mrs. Clarkson
C. Peck, Who Left Her Whole Estate
to a Chicago Charity.
Public attention was attracted to the death
of Mrs. Clarkson C. Peck not long ago by her
management of the property of a fortune
of \$800,000 in trust for the foundation of
a home for incurables in Chicago. It is now
learned that there is a young man of twenty-one,
living in the neighborhood of State and
Thirty-third streets, Chicago, who avows his
purpose of presenting himself in a week or
two as the rightful heir to the vast sum and
endeavoring to obtain it, and thus deprive
the city of what promised to be one of its
noblest institutions. He has always been
known as George Peck, and professes himself
the child of Mrs. Peck's youngest son,
George C. Peck, who died in 1854.

The story related is an extraordinary one.
George C. Peck, a Chicago resident, was
widely known, and when only just his majority
fell in love with a pretty Irish girl. For
years they lived together, and it is said, he
acknowledged the woman as his wife. In
the year of his death they were legally married
by a justice of the peace. George Peck's
mother made his fortune, and he followed
him from his vicious course of life. As the
result of her solicitations, in 1863 he signed
an instrument releasing to his mother all,
interest in his father's estate, on condition
the payment to him of an allowance of \$100
per month.

The alleged wife of George Peck, before
her death several years ago, asserted that
at the time when he signed this release he
was incapable of realizing the full extent of his
action, and that therefore it was void. For
a number of years after George Peck's
death a child lived with his alleged widow,
who was known as Mrs. Peck. The woman,
however, denied that she was his wife, and
it is asserted that her motive for the denial
was to get control of the whole of her
husband's share in his father's estate by
tabling her rights as his widow. Otherwise
the boy would have shared in the estate.
The woman in question, who was named
Mrs. Peck, being in possession of the boy
and the boy wanted to live with other
people.

Just before her death, several years ago,
she sent for the boy, and he came to her
and disclosed to him his identity and his
right to the estate of George Peck. The boy
went to Chicago, and gained an interview
with Mrs. Clarkson Peck, and she told him
that she had no recollection of him. He then
went to work to establish fully his
identity, intending to present the proofs
to Mrs. Peck, before she would die, and
do him justice. Before he had carried
out this plan Mrs. Peck died, leaving her
estate for the benevolent purposes mentioned
above.

The young George Peck, who had just
come of age, is said to strikingly resemble
the deceased Mrs. Peck, and is a man in
whom a great fortune would be a benefit. He
intends, however, to push his case in the
courts.

Millions Going A-Beginning.
Mrs. Rosa Mohrer looking for \$125,000.000 and
a Bishop's Palace in Ireland.
Mrs. Rosa Mohrer, a poor Swiss woman,
living in the Second ward of Paterson, N.
J., is alleged to be one of the heirs of an
estate in Switzerland, valued at \$125,000,000.
Justice E. M. Weiss, Paterson, who is a
youngster days was personally acquainted
with the Prince of Wales, is with several
lawyers, engaged in trying to get Mrs. Mohrer's
share for her. He declines to talk about the
matter further than to say the report is true.
Mrs. Mohrer is also a widow, and she has
the utmost faith in her prospects.

Why She Enjoyed the Performance.
"Have you taken your wife to see Irving
yet?"
"Oh, yes. We went last night."
"How did she enjoy it?"
"Oh, hugely. She had a new bonnet on,
and it attracted a great deal of attention."

PERSONAL.
MRS. MARY GRIFITH, aged ninety-two,
a sister of General Grant's mother, died Tuesday
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The largest diamond in the United States
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which Minnie Palmer is reported to have
offered \$400,000 in value. The cutting of this
stone began on the day following its discovery,
and was completed at 6 o'clock on Saturday
last, making continuous work for 81
days. It was placed in the care of John
Wheeler, who first showed it to the public
by smothering the corners. He fastened a
ball of solder to an iron handle and sunk the
diamond in the solder, leaving a little side
space, and then, using a wheel, which
made 2,500 revolutions a minute, and
diamond dust mixed with oil was applied.
The wheeling and cutting of this stone took
four hours a day, and the stone was
cut with 128 facets, which amounts for
diamonds requiring 12 facets, 2 1/2 carats.
The Koh-i-noor weighs about 186 carats, but
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