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Dead Charters.

We have a report from New York that the Pittsburg people who organized a fuel gas company and ran against a decicision of the supreme court of Pennsylvania, that its laws did not authorize the incorporation of natural gas companies, have undertaken to get out of their difficulty by organizing under the charter of the American transfer company. This was one of the omnibus charters which were abundantly passed in this state a score of years ago, and which authorized the incorporators to do anything and everything that anyone could possibly wish to do. They were made for sale and have had a high commercial value. This American transfer charter has been used in the business of piping oil, but the company was long since absorbed by the Standard oil company, and its charter was transferred to the National transit company, which undertook to keep it alive. Although it had no use for it, having all the chartered privileges it needed. Its concessions, however, were too valuable to be lost, if they could be saved; and the question for Mr. Hostetter and the other gentlemen who have invested in the charter is as to whether it is a real live and kicking parchment. We presume that they ratisfied themselves that it is all right or they would not have bought it; but the opinion of their lawyers has deceived them once and possibly they may come to grief again; for it does not seem to be altogether clear that a charter granted to one company and used by it for certain purposes can be transferred at will to another company to be used for

the uses to which it has applied its privi-Certainly it is not a good thing for the state that a charter should be kept alive after the company which it erected is practically dead; and it is not to be supposed that the supreme court will care to hold a charter to be the immortal part of a mortal company, as the soul is the immortal part of a mortal body. When a man dies his soul departs. When a company is dissolved its charter cannot stay. This probably will not be denied, but it will be maintained that the company is still alive, though it does no business. Whether it is living or dead will be the question for decision, and it would seem to be advisable for the holders of its charter to be able to show decided activity in their corporation to persuade the court, sitting as a coroner's jury, that it is

their purposes. The courts may deny this

convenient locomotive power to a charter,

and may consider its virtues to be not only

exhausted by long non-user but also to be

limited to the company first formed and to

Appointments and Removals.

not viewing a corpse.

There is a wide-spread popular misapprehension that civil service reform, or what passes for that, as a system of appointments provided by the civil service law and administered by the commissioners, consists mainly in keeping in officeby retaining or reappointing them-those who happen to be in office. Such is not the case. There is no such provision in the civil service law framed by Mr. Pendleton and administered by Mr. Eaton's commission. It was purposely omitted, so as to leave the power of removal as free to the executive as ever it was. And a very valuable and necessary power it is.

When it comes to making new appointments, of that particular grade which is comprehended under the civil service law, and which does not include the lower class of laborers and employes, nor the heads and chiefs of departments, it is understood that the president will observe the law, and cause it to be observed. Under that law he appoints a commission, consisting of two Democrats and one Republican, who in turn appoint other examining boards who investigate all applicants and report upon their fitness; and whenever a place is va_ cant they can recommend four persons for it, from which the appointing power in the exercise of its discretion selects one for the

This is the whole scope and effect of the law, and it does not apply to any offices or departments wherein there are less than

fifty appointees. It will readily be seen that this makes no provision whatever for the retention of present officials; and in every case where they have been appointed for an indefinite term, the very proper question to be asked concerning them is whether or not they would be now appointed if their office was vacant. Their occupancy of it gives them no lien on it; nor does their honest and capable discharge of its duties. If they are better qualified than anybody else, that is some consideration. But the fact that they have been appointed hitherto by a Republican administration, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred for partisan reasons, establishes no claim on their part to be continued. When they were appointed no Democrat's merit was considered for a moment. The assumption of such appointees that they have a divine right to

the offices is asempty as it is impudent. Thus it happens that the administration finds a Republican in the New York postoffice, who was appointed because he had been the son-in-law of a previous Republican. It seems that he has made a fair postmaster, barring some complaints of partisan misuses. But his term is finished. His reappointment is demanded on some "civil service" ground. If he is the one person in New York pre-eminently quali-fied for the place, he will probably get it : but if the president is not convinced of

this—and we do not think he is—he will doubtless feel at liberty to select an appointee from the whole body of the citizens of New York, not excluding Demo-

Sensible Stanford.

Senator Stanford, of California, has said to a Herald correspondent that the stories about the parade, with which his son was taken from Europe to his grave in California are altogether untrue, and have been very painful to himself and his wife, who were as little ostentations as possible in laying their dead child to rest. Newspaper reporters do a great many cruel things in their greed for an entertaining paragraph, but it does seem as though they might be able to control themselves so as to eave a father and mother bereft of their only child alone in their grief, or at least tell only the truth about them when they do intrude upon their threshold.

Senator Stanford says that he proposes to make disposition of his great estate in his life time, being thoroughly alarmed at the litigation which follows so frequently the distribution of great properties by will. He is certainly very wise. A man who has a greater income than he needs for himself, is wise to dispose of it before he dies; especially when he projects a public benefaction. Not only is he thus sure that his wishes will be carried out, but he himself is then best interpreted and has the greatest interest to see that his beneficence is most effectually established.

Concerning Higgins.

The outcry against Higgins is very complimentary to the administration. There seems to be more cry than wool. He has been named for a minor place, and be does not seem to be a very offensive or important sort of person. But he is not above suspicion. The fact that the dubiousness of his character has made him an object of national interest, shows what a lofty pedestal this administration stands upon in public estimation

The New York Eccning Post very fitly contrasts the Higgins business with some performances under Garfield and Arthur; and it might continue the list of comparisons still further. When Mr. Garfield came into office the men closest to him were the "chum cabinet," of which the notorious Swaim was the chief; and in every department the worse than Higginses ruled the roast.

Why is it that one \$1,800 clerkship raises such an excitement? The answer is in the highest degree creditable to the administration. It means that it is popularly credited with such lofty purposes that a single slip creates surprise. The president and his cabinet have every reason to be gratified at such a critical and sensitive condition of the public mind.

WHEN the Arabs get a repulse, it is not long before they return the compliment to the English enemy.

SINCE skating rinks have taken hold of the popular fancy, there has been a continual outery against them for physical and moral reasons. But the most effective argument used against them was that they encouraged a promiseuous intercourse between the sexes that left guileless young women the easy prey of adventurers. To offset this and other allegations a league has been formed by the rink men of Chicago, and to guard against supposed evils the new association has adopted an elaborate moral-code for the personal observance of their patrons, as follows: "No erson in attendance at a rink shall approach a woman in any way, except, of course where she should need assistance in case of accident, unless a proper introduction shall have taken place, and parties so offending shall be expelled from the rink; nor shall they be allowed to skate at any of the rinks included in the association. This is for the protection of women and young girls from the advances of any one, male or female, who may seek to make himself or herself obnoxious or who has a bad purpose in view." The provisions are good, but their enforcement will be a herculean task.

JOE EMMETT and Barney McAuley act the drunken men remarkably well off the stage.

Ir is not so pleasant to be a prince. Here is Albert Victor, of Wales, who is expected to lay all the corner stones of all the notable new buildings erected in the kingdom, and to deliver addresses at the opening of all the fairs that are floating, where the purpose is some large public charity. Then when a trouble arises with rebellious subjects, like those in Ireland at the present time, or a complication with some foreign power, as, for instance, that now with Germany, he is sent, willing or unwilling, on a visit of placation. This may be endurable to a prince, but to an every-day American citizen it would be a most tremendous bore.

THE friendliness of Riddleberger to Ireland is one of the most striking novelties of

WHEN one metropolitan journal says in reference to the Russo-Afghan complication "the place of Europe is no more assured today than it was during the anxious weeks of this same month thirty-two years ago," and another that "peace between England and Russia, it is now believed, has been practically secured," what are the uninformed public to do? If England and Russia were wise, they would permit these foreign correspondents to settle all their international difficulties, and if assurance would go any disdistance toward an amicable arrangement, these diplomats would soon pluck honorable safety out of the nettle danger.

ONE JOHN L. SULLIVAN is just now enjoying a wealth of free advertising.

JOHN ROACH will perhaps not be so eager for government contracts to build vessels under the new naval regime. Heretofore it has been his custom to underbid all competitors, and then turn in the most inferior kind of work, knowing that his creature, ex-Secretary Chandler, would never enter a protest. But Secretary Whitney proposes to hold him to strict accountability for whatever contracts ne has assumed. , The United States steamer Dolphin was recently handed over to the government as complete in all respects, but secretary Whitney found that on its first trial it lacked 188 horse power of being what it should be. Until this amount is made good the acceptance of the vessel is withheld. John Roach's government milking days are

President Cleveland's Church. President Cleveland has rented a pew in the First Presbyterian church of Washing-ton, of which Rev. B. Sunderland, formerly chaplain of the United States Senate, is paschaplain of the United States Senate, is pas-tor. The pew was occupied yesterday by Miss Cleveland and Mrs. Hoyt, sisters of the president. Dr. Sunderland is now old and no longer preaches well. His congregation, once large, is now very small. He was a violent aboittonist, and there is probably not a sin-gle Democrat in the congregation. Several members of the church are colored, and since the war this church has never discrimi-nated against any one desiring membership

MISS CLEVELAND RECEIVES.

DISTINGUISHED MEN AND WOMEN IN THE WHITE HOUSE,

The Flowers, the Music, and the Toilets of the Women-Names of Some of the Callers.

The White House reception of Saturday afternoon was the most spirited of the three yet held by Miss Cleveland. The tavorable impression made by the president and his sisters on the invited guests of Tuesday evening seems to have thawed the ice, and ladies of leading Republican circles were as numerous in the throng as those of Democratic, and quite as chatty and full of enjoyment. Miss Cleveland stood at the head of the receiving line in the blue parlor, with Marshal McMichael at her left to introduce her callers. She wore heliotrope satin with overdress of black Chantilly lace, and a deep mossy fringe of heliotrope arranged as a fichu with becoming effect. In her hand she carried violets, and a few white roses were fastened at her waist. Her sister, Mrs. Hoyt, smaller of stature and darker of hair than herself, stood at her right hand attired in a black velvet dress with cravat-shaped collar of point lace, and a large corsage bouquet of Jacqueminot roses. She carried a gray ostrich feather fan. Miss Van Vechten, of Albany, completed the trio, wearing black with a glittering network of steel balls in black silk meshes, forming a bertha and waist front, while the front of the skirt was in a rich pattern of black, brocaded with steel color. It was a remarkably effective dress, and suited well the graceful brunette beauty of the wearer. A cluster of red carnations completed her toilet. Col. Rockwell stood at her right, and presented each one who entered to Mrs. Hoyt and Miss Van Vechten. This young lady was remembered than herself, stood at her right who entered to Mrs. Hoyt and Miss Van Vechten. This young lady was remembered with pleasure by those present who had met her during a visit at the Arlington three years ago, with Mrs. Bleecker Banks, wife of the present mayor of Albany. She was then in mourning and did not mingle in general society, but, with Mrs. Banks, spent an evening at the White House by invitation of President Arthur. She will remain at least two weeks with Miss Cleveland, who on Monday loses the society of Mrs. Hoyt, this lady returning to Fayettertile to rejoin her husband. Miss Folsom, of Buffelo, who is still a school girl, will soon accompany her mother here to visit at the White House during one week of her spring vacation.

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The gas-lighted parlors were never made handsomer for an afternoon reception. Azales bushes in full bloom, alternately of red and white flowers, were set in the window re-cesses and in the niches designed for statuary in the promenade hall. In this hall was the Marine band. Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Whitney and Miss Bayard represented the cabinet on and Miss Bayard represented the cabinet on its social side, and remained through the re-ception, assisting informally in handsome visiting toilets. Mrs. Lamont came in before its close and stood with Mrs. Manning. There was not quite so dense a crowd of strangers as at the two former receptions, but there were more resident official and dip-lomatic people. Mmc. De Struve, Mrs. Helyar, the British beauty in her London dress of red camel's hair trimmed with black dress of red camel's hair trimmed with black cord and black astrakhan fur, the Misses Do-minguez of the Argentine Republic, Mr. Alexander Gregor, the handsome Russian secretary of legation, and Mr. D. W. Bartlett escorting the Chinese charge and his native secretaries, were notable figures in the dip-lematic portion of the throng. Samuel

secretaries, were notable figures in the dip-lomatic portion of the throng. Samuel J. Randall, Senat-r and Mrs. Van Wyck, Mrs. Don Cameron, Mrs. Angus Cameron, Mrs. Ingall, the daughter of Gen. Sloeum, Mrs. and Miss Spriggs, Miss But-ler, of South Carolina. Mrs. Eugene Hale, and Mrs. McPherson were among those from congressional circles. The wife of Paymaster-General Rochester was accompanied by her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Julian T. Davies, of New York. The two ladies are T. Davies, of New York. The two ladies are sisters of Mr. Bradley Martin, and Mr. Davies is a son of ex-Judge Davies, of the New York court of appeals, and a nephev of the celebrated mathematical text-book

author.

Mrs. James W. Gerard, Mr. and Mrs.
Angell, Mrs. and Miss Rockwell, Mrs. Van
Auken, Mrs. Orange Terriss, Mrs. ex-Senator
Windom, Mrs. Justice Field, and Mrs. N. S.
Lincoin with Miss Merrill were others in the
blue room group. When Miss Lucy Frelinghuysen entered at half past four, Miss
Cleveland sat down for a few minutes' rest. drew her to a seat at her side, and engaged her in a close and animated conversation. Miss Cleveland has the gift possessed by President Arthur of saying something fresh and bright and varied to each comer. She Yesterday and also this morning Miss

Cleveland drove out with Miss Van Vechten, the two trips taking in Arlington Heights and the Soldier's Home. The president has not driven out with his sisters, but turned over to their exclusive use the handsome car-riage and team loaned him by President Arthur, and contents himself with the officcarriage and horses for his quiet drives.

A Skeleton by Express. The American Express company notified

the police of Chicago, on Saturday, that there was a suspicious and foul-smelling box in its office for transmission to Franklin, Wis. The box was found to contain the skeleton of a man, and from the appearance of the bones it seemed to have been but recently dissected. They had not been boiled nor prepared, but a master hand had wielded the scalpel knife. At the bottom of the box was found an envelope, bloody and dirty, which contained what appeared to be the hard palate. On the envelope was the address. The W.C. Schmitz. velope was the address: "Dr. W. C. Schmitz, Rush medical college, Chicago, Ill.," and the postmark it bore was Manitowoc, Wis. The box containing the bones was addressed to postmark it bore was Manitowoc, Wis. The box containing the bones was addressed to Simon Remeking, Franklin, Wis. As there are more Franklins in Wisconsin than one, there may be some trifling trouble of finding the gentleman to whom the box is address-ed. Dr. Schmitz, of the medical college, could not be tound.

The Sad Wages of Sin. Facts of a suicide and probable murder have ust developed at Howard, a few miles east of Elmira, N. Y. Dr. L. V. Rathbone, a brilliant graduate of the Buffalo Medical college, who for a number of years enjoyed a large practice at Rexville, became intemperate and his wife, unable to endure the wretched ex-istence, returned to her parents, a prominent family of Rochester. Several times Rathbone visited her and endeavored to win her back, but she remained obdurate and the doctor gave up his practice and went to live with his mother, at Howard. These troubles served to drive him to greater dissipation. Thursday he was found in his room in an unconscious condition, with a bottle of chloral by his side, and his crippled sister, Dorlisky, was a so discovered to be under the influence of the same deadly poison. The doctor died, after lying many hours in a comatose state, and his sister lies in a critical condition and will probably not live.

Divorced From a Conscientions Wife. Chilton A. White, of Georgetown, Ohio, for four terms a member of Congress, prominent in the state and very popular, married in June, 1883, Mrs. Isabella Hall, his do ceased wife's sister, who was a widow. She was a devout Catholic. Immediately after the ceremony, the bride tearfully told her husband that she had become convinced that their wedding should never have taken place and begged him to consider her nothing more to him than a sister. Her wish was respected. After a wedding tour of some weeks in the East, they returned there and lived apart. The utmost cordiality existed between them at all times. Finally, they decided that a divorce had better be procured and the husband became the plaintin, alleging neglect of duty. All the facts were brought out and the divorce was granted. was a devout Catholic. Immediately after

Extraordinary Check.

From the Lancaster Inquirer, The three prominent newspapers which demounced Mr. Cleveland most bitterly, both personally and politically, during the presidential canvass, were the New York Sun, the Tribune and the Philadelphia Press. Now these three journals are the most forward of any in the country in giving advice to the new administration. In this they exhibit an amount and quality of cheek seldom met

Dynamite Under a Skating Rink. An attempt was made Saturday night to slow up the skating rink at Girardville. Some unknown person placed dynamite under the structure and it exploded. The shock was felt for miles. There were many skaters on the floor and a large number of spectators, but fortunately none were injured. The building was buj slightly damaged.

PERSONAL.

TILDEN will take a yacht cruise in the early part of April.

THE late JAMES E. Gowen left an estate of more than \$400,000.

EMBERGY WAY. EMPEROR WILLIAM colebrated his eighty-ninth birthday on Sunday.

JOHN McCullough paid \$300 for the wig he wears in "King Lear." GILBERT AND SULLIVAN's latest opera, "The Mikado" has had a success in London that "probably surpasses all their previous triumphs."

GEN. BAKER, the hero of the railway apartment scandal, has been nominated by Gen Wolseley to serve on his staff, but the queen has frowned down the appointment. JOHN HORY insists on having his Long Branch cottage, as well as its out-buildings and fences, painted yellow and black. He frankly confesses that he does it to create

CLEVELAND is said to have recently re-marked: "I actually believe now that if I had set to work in my own behalf, either be-fore or after the convention, I would not have

Mrs. E. B. Crocker, sister-in-law of the president of the Southern Pacific railway, has informed the Art association of San Francisco that she will deed an art gallery and her splendid collection of paintings (valued at \$500,000) to the city, provided the city raised a fund of \$100,000 in four months for the maintenance of the gallery.

GEORGE W. CARLE, in his literary labors, is a marvel of neatness and exactitude. His writing resembles a Spencerian copy-book and every manuscript is carefully copied by letter press, neatly bound and laid away upon the shelves of his library. He has just finished what he names his "great poem"—"The Rime of the Great River," a poem of he war.

GARFIELD who was of a keenly susceptible GARFIELD who was of a keenly susceptible temperament, had a profound conviction that the figure 19 would be associated strikingly with the events of his career. He was born on the 19th of the month, and died on the 19th. It was known by Garfield's friends that he was firmly convinced that he would one day become president. Some incident that happened while he was in the army fixed the conviction in his mind that he would become president, provided he never would become president, provided he never strayed from the path the omen pointed out.' His friends not knowing just what the omen was, were satisfied that in obeying its dicates Garrield's otherwise inexplicable course in somethings of comparatively petty conse quence found explanation,

A High-Priced Stallion.

The highest price ever paid for a Norman stallion in the United States was given Friday at Bloomington, Ill., for Leisure B., owned by the Dillen Bros. The animal was bought by Bowson & Son, of Nokomis, Ill., for \$5,500. He is five years old and bred in Bloomington, sired by St. Laurent. He was twice exhibited at the Chicago stock show and was awarded first prize at the Illinois State Fair as a three-year-old in 1883. He is a dark gray.

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