

SOME NEW MINISTERS.

ADVICE TO REPRESENTATIVES OF LASTING VALUE AND INTEREST.
A Letter Which Probably Recommended Mr. Phelps for the Appointment to the Court of St. James. Some Facts of Interest About Other Appointees.

Washington, Dec. 15th, 1885.
When Hon. John W. Stewart, Middlebury, had just taken his seat in the lower House of Congress as the representative of the first Vermont district, in December, 1882, he received a letter of satirical good advice from a distinguished Vermont Democrat, who had been long a personal and professional friend of the now Secretary of the State. The letter was passed around at the time among some of Mr. Stewart's friends in both Houses of Congress, and was received with much favor by the lauded statesman.

"First—Always vote in favor of a motion to adjourn, and if the next adjournment is in question, vote for the longest time and the earliest day.
"Second—Vote steadily against all other propositions whatsoever. There is always legislation enough for the next five hundred years.
"Third—No honest man wants any more. Vote unhesitatingly against every measure for the enlargement of the negro slave from ten to twenty to thirty years.
"Fourth—Make no speeches. Nobody attends to them, and they are only a nuisance to the public. When printed, nobody reads it, and it is a nuisance to the mails. I have had more than four million speeches sent me, and never read one in my life.
"Fifth—Do not allow yourself to be drawn into aspersions upon the memory of any man. He has been much censured by shallow men, who are not worth your notice. Before you have been long in Congress you will perceive that one such man may as well be a black and white slave, and that the country more service than a hundred presidential candidates or Christian statesmen.
"Sixth—Do not be much in public in company of the country. Stand by the people. If you are not, as a rule, a savior, some associations will be tolerated, though there is no excuse for treating them in public.
"Seventh—Practice rigid economy. The expenditure of the Government shows that it is possible, by judicious frugality, to save about \$100,000 each session out of his country, unless he is content with a salary of \$5,000.
"Eighth—Do not become a candidate for the presidency. The idea that the country is anxious to elect a new president is a delusion. Nor has the country anything to do with it, except to vote as it is told.
"Ninth—In case of doubt, take the trick.
"Tenth—Keep your mouth shut, your mouth shut, your head cool and feet warm. Avoid congressional whisky, Robt. Ingersoll, and the name of patriotism and the courts of the District of Columbia.
"Eleventh—Beware of statesmen with great moral ideas. You will find immoral more honest as well as more interesting.
"Twelfth—Whatever happens, do not relinquish hope. As Cicero observes, *ad despondendum non est locus*. It is better to be a respected member of the Addison county bar; resolve to regain that position, and for the future and live down the present."

Such is the advice of the newly-appointed English minister to his able friend. Most people outside of Congress will concede that a greater portion of it is sound and wholesome.

Who Buck Is.
There is Charles W. Buck, of Kentucky, who catches on to Peru and \$10,000 a year in the same capacity, relieving Mr. Phelps. "Who is Buck?" was inquired of Senator Beck.
"I never heard of him. He lives within two miles of me, they say; but I never heard of him."
"It was mad."
"I am Mr. Bayard this morning," he said, "and protested, not against Buck, for I don't know him, but against crowding out who are known to the party and who have been recognized by the administration. Kentucky is not satisfied with Buck. Why didn't the administration take Phil Thompson?"

The fact is, while Beck does not know Buck, and never heard of him before, Miss Cleveland had heard of him. Miss Cleveland says she knows as much about Buck as she does about as much about whisky as Phil Thompson, but she is more scientific in her researches, and a good deal more in the habit of reporting to her constituents than Phil is. Mrs. Buck's husband, who has been in the administration, is a man of some ability, and she is a woman of some sense. According to Miss Cleveland, this is better than merely sending a man out there to draw the salary. The incumbent is not a man of any ability, and it is in the interest of reform. As Buck is from Kentucky, of course he is a Democrat.

With a Voice Like a Cyclone.
Everybody who attended the Democratic convention at Chambersburg, in the fall, will remember that he does not find the public service upon a business basis to begin with. It is outside of the few subordinate places that have been reclaimed by the reformers, upon a thoroughly partisan basis. Nearly every federal official in the country is a Republican, who was appointed to his position, not primarily because of his personal fitness for it, but for his zealous service as a partisan. It is not surprising that every incumbent upon the expiration of his term is ready to sign his name to a business basis, and to continue a partisan establishment, and one that is hostile to the party in charge of the government. A business reason we have defended the right of the president to make changes, as fast as vacancies occur, until at least an equilibrium is secured between the parties that constitute the body of the people.

Look Before You Sign.
The selection of Mr. Buck, of Kentucky, as minister to Peru carries with it a lesson for the politicians who are so generous with their signatures whenever anybody is a candidate for any office. His nomination provoked a howl of surprise and disgust from certain members of the Kentucky delegation, who retorted that they had never heard of Buck, didn't want Buck, and considered it an outrage that Buck should be charged up against Kentucky. It was discovered that he had induced Buck's application. In point of fact they wanted a Mr. Boyd for Chile, and a Mr. Smith for Peru. Buck's name came through exuberant goodness of heart and the

TO HUBER'S BIG BILL.

A BONE OF CONTENTION IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF CONGRESS.

Messrs. Evans, Riddle, Borger and Others Successfully Oppose the Payment of an Illegal Obligation, Irregularly Incurred and Which the City Does Not Own.

The final meeting of city councils, as at present organized, was held on Wednesday evening.

The following named members were present: Messrs. Borger, Demuth, Diller, Doerr, Riddle, Urban, Wise, Zecher, and Evans, president.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Diller, from the water committee, presented a report in which it was stated that the committee had advertised for supplies for the water department and for the repair of the Worthington pump and law awarded the contract to Joseph H. Huber, as has been heretofore published. The committee had approved bills to the amount of \$27,738.22 and asked councils to approve of their action in approving Joseph H. Huber's bill of \$2,402.22, for the repair of the Worthington pump.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF LAMP COMMITTEE.
Mr. Diller presented the annual report of the lamp committee, from which it appears that the city is lighted by 125 electric, 153 gas lamps, and 125 oil lamps. The total cost for the year for lamps and burning was \$1,126.88; gas, \$14,562.50; and oil, \$10,773. The cost for lighting the city was as follows:

MAUNDY THURSDAY.
One of the Most Solemn of All the Days of Holy Week.
To-day is Maundy Thursday, one of the most important of Holy Week, and is observed by all the Christian churches. It is the day when the Saviour washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper, when he was crucified for the sake of the world, and when he was buried in the tomb. In Catholic churches on this day two hosts are consecrated at the mass, one for use on Maundy Thursday and the other for Good Friday, when no consecration is made. The sacred host is carried in solemn procession to a specially prepared altar, adorned with flowers and wax candles, and it there remains for the adoration of the faithful until Good Friday when it is returned to the main altar. The three Catholic churches processions participated in by little girls dressed in white and carrying flowers were held.

A Villain Lynched.
Saturday morning last, while Jesse Dolan, a young farmer living some miles from Vleeta, Dooley county, Ga., was plowing in his field, George Rouse, a negro convict, entered his dwelling and committed an outrage upon his wife and then cut her throat. She was found non afterwards by her husband, who assembled the neighbors and began a search for Rouse. He was captured Sunday morning last, and was lynched by a mob of about twenty men.

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