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Concerning Petitions. t improbable story is told of the way or Cleveland came to make a proper nt of the value and significance of ions" secured and presented by pertho seek office. The tale goes that he was chosen mayor of Buffalo he nfronted with a huge petition of rs, for the appointment of some one is few of his judicious friends deemed ly unfit for the place he sought. In to convince Mayor Cleveland that the on was not entitled to consideration surate with its length and the rebility of the names it bore, they went and in an hour or two came back with y as big a one, signed by many of his representing to the governor of the that he had been guilty of the most geous malfeasance in his office of

Be the story true or false, it serves admiably to point a moral and adorn a tale. generally are as readily signed and petitioners about as easily secured as this story represente. A select few read what is presented them to sign, understand the merits of the case and affix their names iberately and mean all they are made to say. A still smaller number refuse to ign and get the ill-will of those who ask em or the reputation of being cranks. Most people put down their names thoughtessly, as a favor to those who ask them ; some to get rid of importunity; others as a return favor for like services, asked expected; and a great many in-

is presented to them which is not especially obnoxious to their own personal s. And sometimes their careless ness gets them into a tight place; and they have to privately advise the appointing power that they are not for the man they mended, or even that they themselves want the place for which they appear to support another.

There has been a great deal of this sort

of signing to petitions for office since the election; and the public would be surrised to find how many of prominence and of presumed influence have cheapened their names by subscribing them to everything that came along. What, for instance, would the appointing power think of a oan whose name was found to two or three different candidates' recommendations for the same office ? What, as a rule, is there of worth in the recommendation of a per-son for one of whom he has no knowledge, or regarding an appointment in which he has no interest and the effect of which he has neither occasion nor opportunity to

There are miles of petitions in the vari ous departments in Washington that fall under this description. Candidates for postmaster have put on file great rolls of smes and quires of letters of persons who do not themselves know the applite, are not patrons of their offices, and no information as to the wants and circumstances of the respective cases. Ap-plicants for appointments of all grades have secured the services of friends to opente for them in distant places, securing matures by the wholesale, that do the gners no credit and should do the appli-

Mave they forgotten that Mr. Cleveland aid very pointedly in a letter written after his election that "selections for office not braced within the civil service rules will based upon sufficient inquiry as to fit-s, instituted by those charged with that duty, rather than persistent importunity lf-solicited recommendations on behalf of candidates for appointment"?
And it is not manifest from the names

who have been taken, as well as from those who have been left, that the policy here forshadowed is to be rigidly adhered

State Superintendent Highee. Sernor Pattison has re-appointed Dr.

Highee to be state superintendent of public ools. He doubtless did so, first, because present superintendent has been an effifaithful and capable official; and, ndly, because no better man for the place in all its requirements was brought to his notice.

Against his qualifications for the position. and the manner in which he has discharged its duties, no complaint has been lodged, and with these we believe no serious fault can justly be found. We say this, fully aded that in certain of his views on edu-tional subjects Dr. Higbee is not in full mony with some of us, who may know we but very likely know less than he

ws about them. The sole objection that has been made will be made to the appointment that Dr. Higbee is a Republican, ovided that he is not a Republican su-rintendent of the schools this objection probably less weighty with relation to the incumbent of his office than of any other of the chief places within the govnor's appointment. And as the governor dected a Republican for his private secreslected a Republican for his private secre-ery, and his secretary of state appointed a spublican for his deputy, and the attorney meral made a Republican his deputy, and the governor has appointed shoals of Re-ablican notaries public, even since the mate slapped him in the face by rejecting so of his nominess simply because he was Democrat—it is a little late to urga this slection to his appointee for state super-

a matter of fact Mr. H. is "not enough ands in control Republican to hurt." He was not tile to his party.

optorily prevented an attempted, if not customed, abuse of his office for political purposes; and, while it is true that he did not dismiss the official organization of his predecessor, it is equally true that as vacan-cles occurred they have been filled with

worse than to re-appoint Mr. Higbee; if any one could have shown him how to do better such an one must have neglected his

The Philadelphia Water.

The Philadelphia councilmen feel aggrieved that publicity should be given to the impurity of Philadelphia water by Col. Ludiow, who is in charge of the water supply. He discussed the Philadelphia water in a lecture before the medical so-ciety, which was published and read with interest; whereupon the councilmen re-solved that it was not advisable in the superintendent of their water works to disclose the fact that Philadelphia sewers emptied, into the pool in the Schuylkill from which the Phila. delphia water is pumped into Philadelphia stomachs. Col. Ludlow went on to say that cholera and other contagious intestinal diseases are spread by the dissemina-tion of bacteria in drinking water, into which obviously a most convenient method of transmission is supplied by the discharge of the city sewers into the city's sources of water supply. It turned the stomache of councilmen to think of drinking bacteria from cholera bowels, and they resolved that they did not want to hear any more about it.

Perhaps however, it is better to hear about it beforehand than to enjoy the experience later. Stupid as Philadelphia councilmen are they must realize that with cholera in the city next summer it will be dangerous to be drinking sewer water; and if the cholera does not come, one would think that the thought of sewer water as their drinking water would prompt the councilmen to stop it. But it does not. It only prompts them to stop the mouth of the superintendent. They hide their heads as the ostrich, and feel that they are safe as long as they do not see their danger or hear about it.

If they had put their millions into water works instead of a big city hall, they would have had the worth of their money and plenty of clean water instead of a monumental nuisance. They do not deserve the good fortune which is theirs in having so capable and honorable superintendent of their water supply as they have secured, by a special grace of Providence, in Col. Ludlow; and they had better hasten at once to follow blindly his recommendations and put ten millions into bringing down the pure water of the upper Delaware. The scheme is plainly the only one open to Philadelphia, since nowhere else can abundance of pure water be secured; and ten millions is a small price to pay for it.

A Bill Not to be Paid.

Select Councilmen Demuth and Urban who we believe mean to be faithful repreentatives of public interests, manifest a isconception of their official responsibilities and of the obligations of the city, when in the consideration of Jo Huber's big bill Mr. Demuth evinces a readiness to make city pay for everyth Urban intimates that the municipality is bound by all the acts of its agents.

The city is only bound to pay even for value received when it is got in the proper and lawful way; and to approve and pay bills for work or material furnished irregularly when there was no occasion for it, would open the door to gross abuses and shameless fraud.

The city, as Mr. Evans correctly stated only bound by the acts of its agents when hey act within their authority and the law; when they transgress both, they deserve no consideration and should be very emphatically sat down upon.

This Huber job was a high-handel, im pudent and inexcusable assumption of authority. Upon any citizen's application for an injunctionof, course the court would restrain the payment of the bili. Any city solicitor who would recommend its payment is a numbekull or a partner with Huber; any water superintendent who would encourage such irregularities ought to be ducked in his own muddy reservoir, and any councilman who votes to pay it should be kicked out of councils and the society of honest men.

AFTER all the fuss, England managed to have her own sweet way about the Afghan dispute with Russia.

A BECENT AUTHORITY, speaking of the cost of giving young men a collegiate educa-tion at Yale or Harvard, or any of the lead-ing American institutions of learning, declares that the necessary expenses do not exceed \$500, but the luxuries run the sum total to more than double that sum. The New Haven Pulladium thus summarizes: The tuition for one year is \$140. Table board varies from \$3.50 to \$11 per week. The average is \$6.50. Hence for a year of forty weeks board would cost \$200. Room rent in the college building is included in the trition; outside the college it varies from \$30 to \$150 per year. Almost no ready-made clothing is used. The wealthy men have four or more suits per year, poorer men having two or three, These average \$60 apiece. Dress suits are usually purchased while in college, and some men get a new one every year. New overcoats are usually got yearly. New-markets are worn a great deal for winter, and no man can think himself happy with-out a light coat for spring and fall. These garments cost from \$50 to \$75. Three hats a year, \$5 each, are usually required. Then there are the expenses of furnishing rooms, where that is deemed necessary, gloves, canes, subscriptions to the various athletic interests, college journals, etc., In addition to these items are to be added the cost of theatres, tobacco, billiards, soda, nacks, oc-casional trips to New York, private suppers, banqueta, club dues, germans and parties. Some of them inclined to luxury keep their private horses at the livery stables. A horse, dog-cart and liveried driver take up a goo deal of money. And some of the fathers wh are keeping up this extravagant course of life for their sons, find it hard enough work to make both ends meet at home.

SENATOR BECK, of Kentucky, is pulling for one candidate for marshal, Blackburn for another and Carlisle for a third. Something

THE Boston Herald, the most illustrious and exacting of the Mugwumps, makes a bull's eye shot when it advises the president to dishand the partisan establishment that he finds in control of the government and hos-

I stopped for a few moments in Manhelm the other day with Henry Arndi, whose store occupies the rebuilt Stieget mansion, which in its day was the baronial residence of Manhelm's founder, one of the most famous personages in Lancaster county history. The old tapestries that hung on the purior walls are in possession of the Penasylvania Historical society. Of the tiles that decorated the four fire-place mantals in the old house some were broken to the in the old house some were broken to the in the old house some were broken to the in the old house some were broken to the in the old house some were broken to the in the old house some were broken to the in the old house some were broken to the in the old house some were broken to the mantals in the old house some were broken to the mantals in the old house some were broken to the mantals in the old house some were broken to the mantals in the old house some were broken to the old house some were broken to the were twenty gave me one with a chocolate-colored drawing, illustrative of the text, Gen. xiv, 18: "And Melchizhiek, king of Salem, brought forth bread and wine; and he was the priest of the most high God." The art may not be of the highest class; but for all anybody can show contrari-wise the portraits of Melchizhiek and Abram are true to life. These old tiles from the Manhelm mansion are fitty prized by those who get them, not only for their historical association with Stiegel and his famous house, but because since 1786 no more such tiles as these have been made at Delft.

Rev. Dr. Dubbs\*, one of the most accurate and certainly one of the most industrious of our local antiquarians, has hunted up some of the Stiegel stories very closely. He thinks that Stiegel was no nobleman at all. Certainly he never subscribed his name as such, nor with a seal. The nearest baronial name to Stiegel in the records of Manheim, Germany, is Stengel. He brought with him to this country "good recommendations and a great country "good recommendations and a great deal of money;" the latter was not wasted in unprofitable speculations, as is commonly supposed; and even in the days of his financial failure he pleaded earn-estly that if his creditors would grant him an extension he could pay his debts, dollar for dollar, and save much of his estate. He named the Elizabeth furnace after his wife and laid out Manheim upon the plan of his native city. His glass work were so extensive and successful that at one time they yielded him an annual income of £5,000. they yielded him an annual income of £5,000. In those prosperous days he could afford his coach and four, or even eight, and to be regaled with music in the twilight hours; not, in all probability, by a great hired band, but by such of his skilled workmen who thus indulged their own taste while they entertained him. Even the firing of the cannon with which his visits to his furnace were heralded, Dr. Dubbs suggests, was not so much an act of pomposity as of utility. For thus it was that the wood choppers and charcoal burners scattered over the hills, were summoned to the office on pay day. It was at Schaefferstown that he made his tenplate stoves, but if they bore the familiar inscription

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"Baron Stiegel ist der Mann Wer die Ofen glessen kann," Dr. Dubbs has never seen any such, there anybody who can verify this story?

Where and how Stiegel died the historian disagree most delightfully. Despite his earnest protestations to his counsel, Jasper Yeates. his creditors would not give him the exter sion he sought; and after his bankruptcy his history is involved in doubt. One report says that he turned schoolmaster; another that he died in indigence and was buried by that he died in indigence and was buried by
the iron masters who succeeded to the ownership of Elizabeth; another account makes
him die a pauper in the Dauphin county poor
house; and a later and yet more apocryphal
story is told of his receiving a letter from
Philadelphia enclosing \$500, just in time to
prevent him from committing suicide at
Womelsdorf, after which he left the neighborhood and was never more heard of by its
pcople; Dr. Dubbs inclines to the belief that
he died at Charming forge.

Ill-luck brooded over the denizens of the Stiegel mansion, When its builder was cast into jail in Lancaster for debt he had to have a special act of legislature passed to liberate him; Robert Morris, the great financier of the Revolution, who subsequently came into ownership of the Stiegel house, and whose family dwelt there for a season, cut a wider business swath than Stiegel, failed in his transactions, was jailed for debt and died in poverty. When his family had needed a place of refuge during the British occupancy of Philadelphia Mrs. Morris turned to the Stiegel house—then up for sale—which she knew, because, as an acquaintance of the Stedmans, partners of Stiegel in the Man-heim enterprise, she had once spent six weeks there, and was "perfectly well ac-quainted with the goodness of the house and situation."

I have recently been shown a manuscripe copy of some most remarkable correspond-ence, which, fortunately for the fame of all concerned and the comfort of their posterity, has never seen print. It would hardly be deemed possible, had its authenticity not been established in a court of justice, that such a woman—and a kinswoman at that—by one of the most brilliant orators and most blazing lights of Congress years ago-repre-sentative, senator and diplomat. And the woman not only of his own blood, but the wife of another eminent American orator, senator, foreign ambassador and one of the authors of the federal constitution. The cruelty that could have indited the epistle was rendered flendish by the author first submitting it to the husband of the one to whom it was addressed, so that the poisoned shaft should pierce two victims. She was arraigned in the letter for the most shameless offenses in her girlhood, culminating in infanticide. The pity and the wonder of it were that there was a basis of truth to the accusation; but the woman who got the letter answered it with one as crushing in its scorn and which outmatched the other in invective. As she had "told the truth" to her husband, it made no difference in their relations; but the sting of her rhetorical lash was long felt by her craven cousin; and when their honored posterity shall all have passed away, and this memorable page of social and political scandal in the record of the first families of the country is brought to light, the unmanly mischief maker will be the hated of men and his intended victim will get the slow pity of even her own sex.

The advice given by Mr. Phelps—new minister to England—in his satirical letter to a new congressman, to always vote to adjourn and to vote steadily against all other propositions whatsoever, as there is always enough legislation on hand for the next five enough legislation on hand for the next five hundred years—recalls the story which that sterling Democrat and honest man, the late venerable Abraham Peters, of Millersville, used to tell of his interview with ex-President Buchanan. Quite unexpectedly to himself Mr. Peters was elected to the legislature on a fusion ticket in this Republican county of Lancaster. Unused to public service he called upon the experienced statesman of Wheatland for advice to guide him in his new role. Mr. Buchanan tersely said: "Whenever in doubt, Mr. Peters, vote no." I acted on his counsel," Mr. Peters was wont to say, "and I guess that is the reason my service was so acceptable to my constituents."

\*Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D.D., in the Guardian for

ECCE HOMO. For the INTELLIGENCES.

Ecce home!" echo hearts in anguish, Musing on that bitter, bitter day, When on the cross the dying Christ did languish, That His pure blood might wash sin's stains

Dr. Higbor's Reappoi From the Philadelphia Times. From the Philadelphia Times.

Gov. Pattison wisely ignored the claims of partisan aspirants in the reappointment of Superintendent Highes. Mr. Highes has proved himself an able and progressive educator and it may be safely assumed that he will be more efficient after having had four years' experience in which to become master of the details of his department. Of all the public departments that having control of the educational interests of the commonwealth should be furthest removed from the influence of partisan politics, and the action of the governor will be sustained and approved by all citizens who care more for good schools than for party spolls. The spoismen will kick, but their kicking will not scare any-body.

Who plants a tree and nurtures it to sure growth, builds for himself a monument that will outlast his generation. April 16th will be Pennsylvania's "Arbor Day."

CHINA evidently concludes that victory may possibly be more dangerous than de-feet. She telegraphs her acceptance of Ferry's proposals for peace, wishing to fix a date for the evacuation of the positions now held by the Chinese. This is a very wise course for China to pursue, and France shows equal wisdom in suggesting it. The French would find a war with the Chinese hardly worth the and a war with the Chinese hardly worth the candle, while involving a tremendous expenditure of funds, and China must have known that if France was really in earnest over the war, the former could but poorly cope with her powerful adversary. It is a satisfactory consummation, and it is to be hoped that nothing will interfere to prevent its being carried to a successful conclusion.

It is a rather singular coincidence that Ulysses S. Grant and Jefferson Davis are lying at death's door at the same time.

Mr. HENDRICKS, and his wife intends to go to Europe during the summer. FRANZ ABT, the German musician and composer, is dead at the age of 65 years.

THE SENEY picture sales in New York have aggregated \$182,430 for two nights.

EX-STATE TREASURER WILLIAM V. McGRATH is very ill at Cape May, and it is feared that he cannot recover.

ROSCOE CONKLING will occupy a private box at the Sullivan-McCaffrey sparring match in Philadelphia, to-night.

JAMES AND HENRY GARFIELD, SORS of the late president, called on Cleveland at the White House, on Tuesday, and were cor-dially received.

MR. Tilden doesn't forget to be neigh-borly. Near Greystone lives Clara Morris, actress, and among her callers the other afternoon was the famous Samuel J, himself. ABRAM LINGENPELTER, Democratic ex-register and recorder, one of the best, most widely known and highly esteemed citizens of the Republican county of Blair, is dead.

MRs. GARFIELD's friends deny the published reports that she is to marry a Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Pennsylvania. She is tiving quietly in Cleveland, and is educating her children for careers of usefulness.

GEN. HARRY WHITE's mother, dying re-cently, left the bulk of her large estate to him, about a half a million dollars, and now his brother Alex. M. White, of Philadelphia, who is cut off short, will contest the will. HENRY F. KEENAN'S novel "Trajan," has met with an instantaneous success. The first edition was exhausted within ten days of publication and the presses of Messrs, Cassell & Co, are going night and day to meet the demand for this remarkable story.

Secretary Laman, was visited a few days ago by a gentleman, who said to him as he shook hands: "I am not after any office Mr. Secretary, and want to ask no favors." "You are sir," replied the secretary, "like a bottle of rosewater in an ocean of brine."

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SARAH BERNHARDT is a marvel of a stage manager. She will dodge behind the scenes and set six different persons going in different directions all at once, step into her dressing room and change her magnificent costumes so quickly you can hardly believe she has done it, and reappear on the stage smil-

ARMSTRONG JOHNSTON, who died recently in Youngstown, Ohio, was a brother of Gov. Wm. F. Johnston, late of this state. He was a good man and left \$230,000. His father, the late Alexander Johnson, lived to be 100 years old, and belonged to a distinguished family of Scotland. Of his eight distinguished aons, the physical stature was semething remarkable, varying in height from 6 feet to 6 feet 6 inches, and in weight from 200 to 250 pounds.

harles A. Dana in N. Y. Sun.

With us, the recollection of Mr. Thompson is indelibly associated with the last conversa ion we had with Mr. Lincoln. It was late in the afternoon, just before his visit to the thea tre where he was murdered. A dispatch tre where he was murdered. A dispatch had arrived from the provost marshal of Portland, Maine, saying that he had received information that Jacob Thompson would arrive in Portland during that night, in order to take from there the Canadian steamer which was to sail for Liverpool. "What are the orders of the department?" asked the marshal. On reading this dispatch to Mr. Stanton, the latter said, "Order him to be arrested—but no; you had better take it over to the president." We found Mr. Lincoln in the inner room of his business office at the White House, with his coat off, washing his hands preparatory to a drive. "Halloo," said he, "what is it?" Listening to the dispatch, he asked, "What does Stanton say?" "He thinks he ought to be arrested." "Well—"continued the president, pausing a moment to reflect, "I don't think so. If you have an elephant on your hands and he wants to run away, better let him run."

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