

THE FEDERAL OFFICERS.

Important Nominations Submitted by President Harrison.

Prominent Appointments in the Diplomatic Service.

The President has sent to the Senate the following nominations:

Thomas W. Palmer, of Michigan, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Spain.

John F. Swift, of California, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Japan.

John D. Washburn, of Massachusetts, to be Minister Resident and Consul-General of the United States to Switzerland.

George C. Tichenor, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Isaac H. Maynard, resigned.

The nominations were formally laid before the Senate as soon as the doors were closed.

There was a disposition on both sides of the chamber to confirm ex-Senator Palmer as Minister to Spain without reference to a committee.

But it was decided not to break over the regular rule, and so the nomination was sent to the Foreign Relations Committee along with those of John D. Washburn for the Swiss mission and John F. Swift for the mission to Japan.

George C. Tichenor's nomination for Assistant Secretary of the Treasury went into the Finance Committee. All this took less than ten minutes, and when it had been done the Senate adjourned.

Thomas Witherell Palmer, of Michigan, who has been nominated to succeed Perry Belmont, of New York, as United States Minister to Spain, was born at Detroit on January 25, 1838.

His father, Thomas Palmer, was one of the pioneers of Detroit, and his mother was a daughter of Judge James Witherell.

In 1855 he married Miss Lizzie P. Merrill, daughter of Charles P. Merrill, and then entered the lumber business with the latter.

As the successor of his father and father-in-law he is one of the largest owners of lumber property and saw mills in the Northwest, and is the possessor of a large fortune.

In 1878 he was elected to the State Senate, and in 1883 he was elected to the United States Senate for the term which closed on March 3.

John F. Swift, of California, who has been nominated to succeed ex-Governor Richard B. Hubbard, of Texas, as United States Minister to Japan, was born in Missouri about fifty years ago.

He went in 1832 to California, and became one of the leading lawyers in the Pacific Coast.

and possessed a large fortune. He has written a number of books, among which are "Going to Jericho," a novel of travel, and "Fugate Creations," a novel.

Colonel John D. Washburn, of Massachusetts, who has been nominated to succeed Boyd Winchester, of Kentucky, as United States Minister Resident and Consul-General to Switzerland, is a native of Boston and is fifty years old.

He has served in both Houses of the Massachusetts Legislature, was chief of staff of Governor Bullock during the war, and has held various places of honor at various international exhibitions.

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William French, Sr., of Sag Harbor, N. Y.; William Wallace of Indianapolis, N. Y.; The President also nominated Messrs. William Walter Phelps, John A. Kasson and George H. Bates to be Commissioners at the Samoan Conference at Berlin.

Mr. Bates, of Delaware, was Mr. Bayard's special commissioner at San Francisco. The President also nominated Messrs. Phelps and Kasson to be Commissioners at the Samoan Conference at Berlin.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

THE EMPEROR OF ANNAM is dead. The President also nominated Messrs. Phelps and Kasson to be Commissioners at the Samoan Conference at Berlin.

GOVERNOR HILL is going West in June. The Emperor of Russia is an enormous eater.

THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY is an early riser. LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL is forty years old.

SECRETARY TRACY is a great lover of horseflesh. HENRY GEORGE, the agrarian agitator, is in London.

FRONDE, the historian, has declared for the Home Rule. SENATOR EVARTS is said to be ambitious to become a Judge.

THE KING OF HOLLAND, who has been very sick, is much better. SECRETARIES NOBLE, Wanamaker and Miller never held office before.

ADMIRAL PORTER and his wife have just celebrated their golden wedding. PRESIDENT HARRISON is the fourteenth lawyer to hold the Executive chair.

ROBERT H. MAY has since 1859 been elected Mayor of Augusta, Ga., eleven times. SENATOR STANFORD paid \$500 for windows from which to view the inaugural parade.

THE YOUNGEST COLLEGE PRESIDENT in the country is the Rev. De Witt Hyde, of Bowdoin. The oldest member of the British House of Commons is Charles Villiers. He is nearly ninety.

MISS FAUNCEFOFF, daughter of the new British Minister, is twenty-five years old and quite pretty. COUNT HERBERT BISMARCK talks of making a tour in America by way of a summer vacation.

C. W. GODDARD, Consul-General to Constantinople from 1861 to 1864, died recently in Portland, Me. GROVER CLEVELAND was elected a member of the Bar Association of New York at its last annual meeting held.

MISS SCHULZE, who has just taken the diploma at the Sorbonne, is a particularly bright girl. THE LATE Captain Ericsson, the inventor of the Monitor, left at his death a handsome fortune of not less than \$150,000.

THE LATE JAMES W. PALMER, of Michigan, just appointed Minister to Spain, is familiar with Spanish people and language. POSTMASTER-GENERAL WANAMAKER will, it is said, continue as superintendent of his great Sunday-school at Philadelphia.

MRS. POLK, widow of President Polk, now eighty-five years old, wears black kid gloves all day and walks with a gold-headed cane. HERR KRUPP, the gunmaker, of Essen, Germany, has an income of \$1,500,000 a year, larger than the income of the richest Rothschild.

SIR JULIAN FAUNCEFOFF, British Minister at Washington, is a fine looking man, six feet two inches tall, black eyes, heavy brows and bald headed. He has a charming wife and daughter.

SIDNEY BARTLETT, the aged Boston lawyer, whose death occurred recently, left an estate worth fully \$10,000,000. His fees, even for a few words of counsel, frequently amounted to \$3,000.

MRS. MUTSU, wife of the Japanese Minister at Washington, has made 1300 social calls since the season began. Last spring she could not speak a word of English. She is now a good conversationalist in our tongue.

THE KING OF SERBIA is a lad in his thirteenth year. He is said to be an exceptionally bright, good boy, but the chances now seem to be that, by the time he comes to years of discretion, there will be no Serbia for him to rule.

GENERAL JERRY RUSK, of Wisconsin, of President Harrison's Cabinet, was the top-path companion of Garfield when the latter was a boy, and has been a stage-driver, Sheriff, Legislator, soldier, Congressman and Governor of the Badger State.

GENERAL RUSK was the third defeated candidate to ride with his successful competitor in the inaugural procession. One of the other two was Van Buren, who rode with the grandfather of the present President, and the other was Andrew Jackson, who rode with John Quincy Adams.

The first "Mrs. President Harrison" was never mistress of the White House. She was sixty-six years old when her husband was elected President, and quite infirm. She dared not attempt the journey to Washington from her Ohio home when Old Tippecanoe started February 1, 1841, and was just preparing for the trip when the news of her husband's fatal illness came, a month after his inauguration.

EMIGRATION statistics show that 2,500,000 emigrants have left Germany since 1871, of whom 2,000,000 have gone to America.

THE MARKETS.

Table with columns for NEW YORK and BUFFALO, listing various commodities like Beef, Mutton, Pork, etc. with prices.

NEW YORK. Beef - 11 @ 5 15. Mutton - 11 @ 4 00. Pork - 11 @ 5 00. Butter - 11 @ 20 00. Eggs - 11 @ 15 00.

BUFFALO. Sheep - 11 @ 4 00. Mutton - 11 @ 5 15. Pork - 11 @ 5 00. Butter - 11 @ 20 00. Eggs - 11 @ 15 00.

WATERBURY (MARKET GATHERER). Beef - 11 @ 5 00. Mutton - 11 @ 4 00. Pork - 11 @ 5 00. Butter - 11 @ 20 00. Eggs - 11 @ 15 00.

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HAYTIAN HOSTILITIES.

Progress of the Revolution in the Black Republic.

Grand Saline Totally Destroyed and the Dessalines Sunk.

A town burned to ashes. A man-of-war sunk with all on board. A general asserts from Legitime with 100,000 and 3000 men. These are the striking items of news brought by the steamer William Coleman which has just arrived at New York from Gonaives, Hayti.

The William Coleman has touched at Vera Cruz and some Haytian ports, steamed into the port of Gonaives, which is situated thirty-two miles north of St. Marc. Captain Scott found the town completely fortified, a heavy stockade having been erected around the outskirts and two forts composed of sand banks and piles erected at the mouth of the harbor.

Captain Scott went ashore, and there learned that the day previous, about 4 P. M., a line between Gonaives and Legitime had been established. No damage was done to the former, but one shot landed in the latter, and that tore the roof of a dwelling-house near the German Consulate.

The firing of the water works and sometimes at the efforts of a Spanish gunner who had recently entered Hippolyte's service and another new recruit, General O'Hara, a soldier of fortune was made his way from Tur's Island to serve under Hippolyte.

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CHINESE TRAITS.

OBSERVATIONS OF AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT.

Barbarous Punishment of Criminals - Wretched Beggars - The Six Great Boards of Government - Chinese Civil Service.

HE crime notes of the Peking Gazette, the official paper of China, says Frank G. Carpenter, are numerous and the horrors of purgatory may be read in the lines fixing the punishment.

The sentence where the criminals are to be sliced to death are many. Strangling is common and decapitation is an easy method of taking off. The bastinado and flogging are found in nearly every issue, and I see that corrupt officials are often degraded from their ranks.

In a country where ancestral worship prevails, the most terrible crime is the killing of parents and primicides are, in China, invariably sliced. The punishment of slicing to death means the cutting off of one member at a time.

Finger by finger, ear by ear, toe by toe, and the legs by inches, until the criminal at last dies under the torture. Here is a degree of such a punishment which shows that the insane dodge does not prevail in China, and that the insane murderer gets the same deserts as the sane one.

The decree was published on the 10th of last July, and the crime occurred in the province where I write this letter. I copy the decree verbatim. The article is headed "A Parricide by a Maniac."

On the 3th of last September I see that a murderer who killed a rival through jealousy was sentenced to be strangled and that the woman in the case was flogged with one hundred blows for loose living.

It is almost impossible to conceive that such cruelties exist in this latter part of the nineteenth century, but they do exist here in full force, and the Board of Punishments of Peking passes upon such sentences daily. Even the most ordinary punishments of China are horrible to us, and the torture of the cangue can hardly be appreciated.

During this cold day I was sitting on one of the narrow streets near the Tartar wall, a Chinaman with a board four feet square fastened to his neck that he had just turned to turn his head through the hole in the center.

His hands were tied and his bare feet were bound by a chain. His queue was unkempt and black bristles two inches long had grown up all over his unshaved head.

Beside him stood another man with a similar board attached to his neck, and the two were chained together. Upon these boards were pasted bills containing Chinese characters showing that they had committed some petty offense and were doomed to wear these boards for weeks.

The boards were so fixed that they could not feed themselves, and they shivered and howled as the cold winds from the Mongolian Mountains came through their ragged clothes.

I snapped my camera upon them and took their photographs, but I cannot photograph the heart-sickening sight in pen and ink. One's feelings are severely worked upon by the poverty and cruelties of China.

I have seen beggars who shivered and howled for alms, covered by nothing more than a strip of loosely woven cotton-sacking, and every time I go on the wide street which runs toward the palace I am pursued by half-naked boys without arms.

He holds up his bare stumps of shoulders at me and keeps pace with my donkey until I throw him some cash. Whether he is born as he is I do not know, but I am told it is not an uncommon thing for parents and others to mutilate children in order that they may be used as beggars.

Beggars sometimes cut themselves, and there is a priest here who goes around begging with an iron skewer stuck through his cheek. He moves this about so as to keep the cheek continually sore, and goes along with a brass basin which he pushes into your face as he asks for alms.

He has a keen eye to business, too, and he would not allow himself to be photographed for less than six Mexican dollars. He forms a horrible sight, and one gladly gives to get rid of him.

Speaking of the Board of Punishments, this board has the control of all the punishments of the Empire, and it might be called the judicial department of the Emperor's cabinet. The Emperor is an absolute monarch. His word is the word of God to the Chinese, and he does as he pleases.

He has, however, his Cabinet, and this great Empire has its Government organization even as have the other nations of the world. It has its civil service, founded largely upon literary culture, and the literary graduate here ranks higher than the military hero.

The Emperor has his grand secretariat, consisting of chancellors and assistants, who assist him with his edicts and decrees, and who lay matters before him. He has a great council of state, with which he consults every morning between 5 and 6 o'clock, and this is made up of a number of imperial princes, of secretaries, chancellors and other influential men connected with the six great boards of the Empire.

These morning meetings might be called Cabinet councils, and it is at these that the chief official appointments are made. The six great boards administer the business of the Government such as do our great departments at Washington.

Each has two Presidents, four Vice-Presidents, and a number of clerks and directors. The best of the officers are equally divided between the Manchus and the Chinese, for it must be remembered that the Manchus, or Tartars, are practically the governing class of China.

During the first week after the inauguration nine deaths occurred in Washington city that were directly attributable to that event. This is merely the local record, and is necessarily only a partial one. It does not include the mortality among the 300,000 visitors or the cases of sickness which have fatal tendencies, but have not yet culminated.

Washington is apt to show its bleak side to visitors. It was a very cold day when the monument was completed, and many suffered afterward from the effects of the exposure. So also the unveiling of the statue by General Thomas occurred on a very raw day. General C. S. A. Davis caught a fatal cold on that occasion.

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student was sixty-two and another eighty-three. Supposing the student passes this examination, he has then the right to enter the great examinations at Peking, where, if successful, he will get an appointment for office.

There is still a higher examination, which makes him one of the members of Hanlin College, and this rank is the highest literary rank in the Empire. Li Hung Chang is a Hanlin, and so are many of the other high officials. I visited this college the other day. It is as dirty and barn-like as are the other Government departments, and is hardly worth a description.

The great examination hall at Peking covers, I judge, at least twenty acres, and 17,000 students were examined in a few weeks ago. The number passed, I think, about two hundred, and there were forty deaths during the three days' test. The students were all examined as to their clothes and persons to see whether they had any notes concealed upon them, and such as were found guilty were prohibited from future examinations and were punished by the cangue in the same way as for stealing.

Their fathers and tutors were also punished, and a Tartar Emperor has sat on the throne for hundreds of years. These six boards are the Treasury Department, the Board of the Civil Office, the Board of Rites and Ceremonies, the Board of War, the Board of Punishments and the Board of Works, which might be called the Interior Department. It is the Treasury Department which takes charge of the Government funds, which makes out the list of girls eligible for the imperial harem, and which has charge of the revenues.

I visited this great department of these 400,000,000 of people recently. It looked more like a barnyard than a Government office, and Colonel Denby, our American Board of Rites and Ceremonies, looks as though it might have been shaped out of odd pieces from Noah's ark. This Board superintends the worshiping of gods and it supplies the foods for banquets and sacrifices. Here, however, cleanliness is not next to godliness, for every surrounding is that of dirt and filth.