

CONGRESS HEARS A GO

Reminiscences of the Lower House From Its Chief Clerk From the Year 1853 to 1875.

THE MEN WHO ACHIEVED FAME.

Embarrassments an Ambitious Young Man Must Encounter Owing to the Salary Uncle Sam Pays.

SPIRITS AMONG THE STATESMEN.

How Dr. Burleigh Got Into Trouble by Putting Monongahela in the Lemonade.

[WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.] For 12 consecutive years I occupied the position of Chief Clerk U. S. House of Representatives.

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Strengthened the Lemonade. One of the best practical jokes ever perpetrated upon Congress, but which, strange as it may seem, was greatly relished by its victims generally, was by Dr. Burleigh, the well-known delegate from Dakota.

Noted Names in Those Days. It contained many men of marked ability, some of whom were called to a higher service in the Senate and Executive Departments and have achieved an enduring reputation.

Can't Afford the Opportunity. The salary of a Congressman is manifestly inadequate to his proper support, and public opinion does not tolerate his taking advantage of any knowledge which his position gives him to increase his fortune by even strictly legitimate methods.

NEW AUTOMATIC POSTOFFICES. The Novel Enterprise Now Being Given a Test by London Authorities. The English Postmaster General has consented to allow the Stamp Distribution Syndicate (Limited) to attach their automatic machines for the sale of postage stamps to certain pillar-boxes in the metropolis.

John Morrissey in Rhyme. Miles O'Reilly seems to have fairly caught the spirit of the situation when he says, in the concluding stanza of his ode to John Morrissey:

John Morrissey, my Jo John, My heart wif terror beats, For you've got me into company, A gang o' patent cheats.

The automatic machine which has been made for the Stamp Distribution Syndicate, is a most ingenious one. It is about 20 inches high and 5 inches deep, and can be affixed by screws to any pillar box, whatever its pattern or shape.

The Man With a Hobby. The facility with which such a member could adjust all the difficult and complicated problems growing out of the war, and settle the respective rights of the white and colored races, and bring about that era of millennial peace when the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, without the least being marred by anything so something marvelous.

CARE OF CRIMINALS.

Continued From 7560 Page. so a brutal scene takes place. A neighbor runs in, and induces Nancy to see Bill for beating her. In a day or two Bill comes up before Alderman Gripp for a hearing.

"What do you see that iron pole out there?" and Mr. Marshall again pointed out of his window, this time to one of the poles of the electric railway, planted at the corner of Grant and Diamond streets.

JUDGE EWING'S QUESTION.

He Asks How the Reforms Suggested by Mr. Warner Could Be Brought About Without Giving Officials Powers Which Would Often Result in Oppression.

As one of the Judges in the Allegheny county courts, Hon. Thomas Ewing has had wide experience in the punishment of law-breakers. He was solicited for his opinion on the point raised by Mr. Warner, and he replied with the following communication:

In answer to your request for my views on Henry Warner's suggestions, I would say: In the main features his views are commendable to myself.

There are two general classes of habitual offenders, who, when unrestrained, are injurious to the community and usually do "no good" for themselves. First—The vicious class who from inherited proclivities, evil associations and other circumstances, engage in no honest occupation, but whenever opportunity offers commit crimes against person and property.

Second—The class who are not specially vicious by nature, but who having no power of self-control, no habits of industry, become drunk, disorderly, and often mere vagrants, when out of prison, commit petty offenses, and who are of no use to themselves or to the community, except when under restraint by some power outside of themselves.

THE EXPERIMENT TRIED.

An Interesting Story of the British Colony for Convicts on Norfolk Island, and in Ireland—A Turbulent, Brutal Hell Transformed Into a Peaceable, Well-Ordered Community.

This was the remark of a lady who was privileged to hear the substance of the plan suggested by Mr. Warner. Her observation stimulated me to some research, and I find that many interesting facts are related in the article upon prisons in the International Cyclopedia, edited by Richard Gleason Green.

There were then 1,500 convicts on the island made up of the worst malefactors from Britain. Maconochie called his plan the "social plan of prison treatment." Its basis is the belief that a state of cheerfulness, hopefulness, and kindly treatment is essential for improvement and reform among criminals.

First—A labor sentence instead of a time sentence, so that prisoners know at once that they can shorten imprisonment in proportion to industry.

Second—To enable them to have their punishment further lessened by their good behavior, daily recorded and commuted to their advantage, thus placing a constant premium on self-restraint.

Third—By giving degrees of social liberty in proportion to the good use made of it, and encouraging the exercise of genial qualities.

Thus the prison life is regarded as one in which the convicts are to be re-reared as a family of peculiar children, each of whose peculiarities was to be considered. It is assumed that the worst traits in a convict do not prove him devoid of some good ones, and that the incentives to good life should be made much greater and more pleasant than to a bad one.

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