

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

Commissioner Rollins let His Post... Appointment of Supervisors under the New Tax Law—Collector Calk's case—His Answer presented to Secretary McCulloch—Testimonial from Philadelphia Bankers, Merchants and Business Men—New Schemes to Defraud the Government out of the Whisky Tax—Distillers as Sureties for Gaugers—Reported Pardon of Deputy Collector Brock, &c.

WASHINGTON, August 17, 1868.—Commissioner Rollins returned yesterday, and was at his post again to-day. He says he is determined to "stick" until Congress re-assembles or the President agrees to appoint some high-toned gentleman like Governor Cox, of Ohio, who would be acceptable to the Senate, in which event Rollins might consent to vacate. He has left his family in New Hampshire for the remainder of the season, so he is unincumbered now, and perfectly willing to return to his office for a few months longer. A consultation was had to-day between Secretary McCulloch and the Commissioner, in relation to the Supervisors, and it was decided that the Secretary would commence tomorrow to consider the claims of the parties nominated by Rollins for these positions. The Democrats are urging the President to prefer charges against Rollins, and suspend him, in which event they want an active Democrat appointed to succeed him, and they promise, if this is done, that with the Federal patronage, they can carry Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and perhaps Illinois, for Seymour and Blair in the Presidential election. The Democrats are also looking as wise as an owl, because he is shrewd enough to see that those who are urging him to do this are not the men who will be compelled to stand the responsibility, which all rests upon him, and he knows that if he attempts a coup of this sort Congress will be again for certain on the 1st of Sept., and a short day's imprisonment would be inevitable. Under these circumstances he wisely considers discretion the better part of valor, and will abstain from any such rash movement.

THE CASE OF COLLECTOR CAKE.

This matter still remains in obscurity. Collector Calk has submitted his answer, which is quite lengthy, and gives an explanation of the various charges preferred against him. To some he pleads guilty, and argues in his defence that he was actuated by no criminal intention, and that if he occasionally erred, it was an error of judgment. To others he justifies himself on the ground that he was right, and if he had the same duty to go over, he would do precisely the same with out a case. In addition to this answer, a formidable document was received this morning, signed by Drexel & Co., and a large number of the bankers, merchants and business men of Philadelphia, protesting against Calk's removal, and testifying to the uniform integrity of his administration. This testimonial was received by Secretary McCulloch, and will be duly considered in making his final disposition of the case. The affair has assumed a political aspect, and the chances seem to be that in the struggle Calk will retain his office for some time yet. He is actively supported by both Senators Bucklew and Cattell. The first exerts a strong influence at the White House, and the second is equally powerful at the Senate and the avenue. So between these two adverse influences, it is probable the opponents of Calk will not be able to accomplish much, for if the Secretary should recommend his suspension, the responsibility would rest upon the President, and Bucklew would not be inclined to prevent anything of that kind being done.

NEW MODE OF EVADING THE WHISKY TAX.

It has been discovered at the Internal Revenue Bureau that a new and ingenious mode of cheating the government out of the tax on whisky has been devised by some unprincipled distillers. To do this a machine has been invented which will split the oak headings of a whisky barrel into strips as thin as a piece of mahogany or rosewood veneering. A sheet of this kind can be put on the barrel head, and filled to the groove inside, so as to form part of the heading outside. Upon this are placed the revenue stamps and the gauger's marks, and when the barrel is emptied, this thin heading can be removed, and the barrel refilled, and the oak heading replaced upon it. In this way a barrel can be refilled ten, twenty or fifty times without duplicating the serial numbers, which was one of the ready means of detecting illicit whisky under the old law. Of course this could not be done without the connivance of the Government officers, especially the gaugers, but as some of these are appointed directly in the interest of the distillers there will not be much trouble in corrupting them. For instance, it has been found that in many cases the gaugers applying for appointments offered their services as distillers, or persons engaged in the whisky trade, and if these had been accepted the game would have been perfectly easy between the two parties. But Commissioner Rollins has refused to accept any distiller, or person engaged in the whisky trade, as surety for a gauger, so that arrangement has been interfered with in some instances. It is required to furnish \$10,000 security for the faithful performance of his duties.

SOME OF THE SURETIES FOR THE PHILADELPHIA GAUGERS. One of the sureties for George F. Gordon, recently appointed a gauger, is John Welsh, of the Fourth Congressional District, who was the Conservative candidate for Congress against Judge Kelley two years ago. Welsh was accepted.

Joseph Money, another gauger recently appointed, offers James H. Campbell as one of his sureties, who has been accepted. One of the sureties for David McClean, recently appointed gauger in the Fourth District, is George W. Rankin, who was accepted.

Several prominent distillers of your city were offered by other candidates for gaugers, but were refused by the Commissioner.

REPORTED PARDON OF DEPUTY COLLECTOR BROCK.

It is reported that the President has pardoned young Brock, Deputy Collector of internal revenue, Third District, Pennsylvania, who was convicted some time since of accepting fraudulent sureties to a transportation bond to remove whisky from a distillery. Some very strong documents in Brock's behalf were sent from Philadelphia, so it is understood his pardon was recommended by the District Attorney Gilpin. The President has, within a few days past, given strict orders not to allow any publication to be made of pardons granted, but there is good reason for stating that this pardon was granted several days ago.

EFFORTS FOR WM. M. COOPER'S PARDON.

Strong efforts are being made by Democratic politicians to secure the pardon of William M. Cooper and others, convicted before Judge Caldwell, some time ago, of removing whisky from a distillery contrary to law, and sentenced to a heavy fine and imprisonment. It is understood the pardon of Cooper, is recommended by the District Attorney Gilpin, and there is little doubt that it will be granted by the President.

SUSQUEHANNA.

THEATRES, ETC.

THE WALNUT.—The Black Crook will be repeated at the Walnut this evening, with fine scenery, brilliant transformations, elegant costumes, and a host of other novelties.

THE AMERICAN.—A general entertainment will be given this evening, with dancing by the ballet troupe.

CITY BULLETIN.

THE CEREMONIES ATTENDING THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW HALL OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF RED MEN, at Third and Brown streets, ordered for Monday morning at half past eight o'clock. The hall was well filled with members of the Order, and a number of ladies who had taken a great interest in the affair. The edifice was presented. A procession composed of the board of directors of the hall and the members of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. was formed at the Grand Lodge room and marched to the large saloon, where the exercises were held. The officers of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. took seats on a platform which had been erected opposite the main entrance.

Mr. Gottlieb Franck, the President of the Hall Association, then advanced and delivered the hall to Chief Powhatan (C. Rosser, of Newark, N. J.), the principal officer of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The Grand Warrior (Fred. Schmidt, of Pittsburgh) then, by direction, stepped forward and lighted the council fire, which was burned on an altar in front of the platform. After music and the singing of an anthem, High Priest Zeun read an appropriate prayer. The hall was then formally delivered by Powhatan to Mr. Lau, of Susquehanna Tribe, Chief of the Pennsylvania Tribe.

The procession reformed and marched back to the Grand Lodge room.

The picnic at Washington Retreat yesterday was very largely attended, and the various German amusements were indulged in. Everything passed off in the most successful and agreeable manner. During the day a very handsome silver casket was presented to President Franck by the Committee of Arrangements. On the side was engraved a representation of the hall, and the other side bore a suitable inscription to indicate the object of the gift. Several flags were also presented to different tribes. One of them cost \$800. This was received by Delaware Tribe.

DRUGGED AND ROBBED.

Joseph Alice was arrested and taken before Recorder Givin, upon the charge of robbery. He resided in a house at Sixth and Washington streets. Michael Crampman, a German, boarded in the same house. Michael had his hand burnt on a railroad, and went out to get it dressed. Alice accompanied him. After having his injured hand attended to, Crampman says that he remembered nothing of the robbery. Alice was taken to the station, and his companion was missing, and so were \$150 which he had in his pocket when he started from his home. He alleges that Alice drugged and robbed him. The accused was committed to answer.

A BELLEGGENT HUCKSTER.—This morning, John McGottigan, a huckster, brought three baskets of cantelopes from a Jerseyman, at Sixth and Dock streets. Among the lot was a bad melon. McGottigan asked the Jerseyman to exchange it. The Jerseyman refused to do so, and McGottigan hit him on the head, and finally the huckster punched into the stubborn Jerseyman. The man was suddenly laid out on the sidewalk. Policeman Ferguson thought it was about time to interfere. McGottigan was preparing when the heavy hand of the unfortunate Jerseyman star was laid upon him. Alderman Campbell held the belligerent huckster in \$500 bail for assault and battery.

ASSAULTS AND OTHER NEWS.

THE WHITE FAUN AT THE CHESTNUT.—The season opened auspiciously at the Chestnut Street Theatre, last night. The house was densely crowded long before the time announced for the commencement of the performance, and so it remained until the curtain went down upon the last act. We can pay no higher compliment to the place than this, for the house was very warm, and the air cool, with the prologue, make rather a long play.

The managers are entitled to the credit of having fulfilled their lavish promises generally. The high expectation of the public was entirely realized, and there was absolutely nothing in the construction and management of the drama with which to find fault. The scenery is all very handsome, and in some instances the effects are of the most original and peculiar character. Indeed, the great charm of the whole spectacle exists in the constant succession of surprises which are sprung upon the audience in every act. There is not time to the end of one set of performers, of evolutions, of costumes, or of stage effects. Before the eye fairly comprehends a single scene, another is hurried on, and there is no sense of being bored as there often is in pieces of this description. The final transformation scene is entitled to all the praise that has been bestowed upon it. It is brilliant, dazzling and beautiful, and is a fitting conclusion to the play. Of itself alone it is well worth going to see.

The performers are also excellent in their several parts. Miss Orton was beyond question the best dramatic artist in the piece, and her versatility found ample scope in the jolly, jingling role of Finetta. Miss Fanny Stockton acted gracefully and with charming idly. Mr. Davenport was good, and indeed the members of the dramatic company, without exception, acquitted themselves admirably. Mr. Jennings particularly made a most amusing character of old "King Ding Dong." The "Stars" among the ballet dancers were Miss Soke, Miss Belle. Bonfanti, and a very singular juvenile designated in the bills as "La Petit Schlager." Miss Sohleke is, perhaps, the best of them. She is one of the most graceful dancers we have had in this city for a long while. Her figure is lithe and beautiful, and her style is characterized by a certain luxuriousness—an elegance that is charming. She, with her sister, are good, and containing fewer hideous and mishapen women than collections of the kind usually do.

The costumes worn are of the most costly and unique description, and the management are justifiable in claiming for them great superiority to those in use at most theatres. We believe the unadorned drama has reached a climax in the White Faun. We sincerely hope so, at any rate. It is nearly time for the credit and good taste of the theatre-going public, that bare legs, and brief dresses had given place to the good, old fashioned drama, in which the histrionic art fills its object in portraying human emotion and character, and natural incidents. It is to be hoped that a spasm of sense will follow this interval of madness which creates a demand for spectacle. When the White Faun falls upon the public taste, there must be a return to legitimate representations. No manager can ever afford to expend a larger sum upon any one piece, than that which has been expended upon this. This kind of drama intensifies the appetite which it attempts to supply, and if nothing more brilliant can be given, there will be a reaction. We believe the time for this is approaching, and in common with all admirers of decent dramatic art, we shall hail with pleasure the day when the American stage offers inducement to American dramatists to produce plays that will be creditable alike to them and to the intellectual culture of our people at large.

PICKING POCKETS.—Peter Miller was arrested yesterday at Washington Retreat, for stealing a watch from a German. He was taken before Alderman Hancock, and was held in \$400 bail. Thomas Dungan was caught in the act of picking the pocket of Jacob Clark, at Washington Retreat, yesterday. Alderman Kemble held him in \$1,000 bail for trial.

RIGOROUS CONDUCT.—Henry Kemble, Charles Nevins and John Walker went to the house of Ellen Jones, on Wood street, above Thirtieth, last night, broke in the door and maltreated the inmates. They were arrested, and after a hearing this morning before Alderman Massey, were committed to jail in \$500 bail for trial.

CHURCH.—The All England Eleven will sail for New York, Sept. 1st next. They will play matches in Boston, Montreal, New York, and in this city, with the best twenty-two of each place. They are coming out under the management of the Philadelphia, Germantown, and Young America Clubs, of this city, and the St. George Club, of New York.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The monthly display of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society will be held this evening, Tuesday, at the Horticultural Hall. An interesting display may be expected, especially of Gladioli, for which premiums are offered.

TILL TAPPING.—A negro, named Benjamin Thomas, was arrested yesterday and taken before Ald. Morrow, upon the charge of having stolen \$20 from the money drawer of the tavern of Mary Murphy, in St. Mary street. He was committed.

FATAL RESULT.—Harry Hinckley, son of Capt. E. J. Hinckley, of the Sunday Dispatch, who fell from a tree in front of his father's house, No. 1515 Chestnut street, last week, died from his injuries on Sunday night. He was an interesting little boy, only five years of age.

DISORDERLY HOUSE.—Kate Mitchell has been held in \$500 bail by Ald. Morrow upon the charge of keeping a disorderly house at No. 731 Sanson street.

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REAL ESTATE.—We call the attention of our readers to the card of Wm. L. Crocco, to be found in our Real Estate column. Persons desiring to purchase or to rent cottages at Cape Island would do well to consult him.

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