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Local ChowDER.—Among the dullest of the dull places that invite the visits of the re-porters is the second story of the Post-office building, in which is done the business, with its ramifications, of the United States Courts. The wrinkle is that since January 1st the gentlemen here engaged have had little or nothing to do. The whisky business brought to them a spasmodic spurt of activity and profit. For some time past the worthy deputy marshals have been almost without opportu-nity for occupation. During the late war the efficie of U. S. Marshal of Philadelphia was equivalent to the fee simple of a gold mine. Next to the corresponding position in New-York, it was surpassed in lucrativeness by no other in the gift of the Government. To evon the deputy marshals were then offered golden opportunities, for which the present incum-bents sigh in vain. The U.S. Commissioners derive their emolument from stated fees. Of derive their emolument from stated fees. Of derive their emolument from stated fees. Of these, since the opening of the present year, their receipts have proven lamentably small. The deputy marshals draw a fixed salary but of \$2 per diem. The fees that beyond this they have lately been able to earn would scarcely be sufficient to defray the cost of the regular dyeing of a first-class moustache. To-day neither Marshal, Commissioners, Dis-trict Attorney nor deputies had a solitary thing to do.

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