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Regulations of Marriages.

In the State Senate, on 2nd inst., a bill was reported from committee regulating marriages, and for the protection of clergymen and justices of the peace performing the ceremony. The bill makes it the duty of any person performing a marriage to first require of the parties themselves for marriage a license issued by the clerk of the orphan's court of the county where the marriage ceremony is to be performed, under the hands of the clerk of the orphan's court, and to return the license to the clerk, with an endorsement giving the date of marriage, the names of the persons performing the ceremony, and the names of some of the witnesses present. The clerk of the orphan's court thus applied to by any person legally entitled to a marriage license, or by the parents and guardians of those not legally entitled thereto, shall issue a license in substance as follows: Marriage license, month and date, to any person authorized by law to perform the marriage ceremony, giving: The names of the persons performing the ceremony, and the names of some of the witnesses present. The clerk of the orphan's court thus applied to by any person legally entitled to a marriage license, or by the parents and guardians of those not legally entitled thereto, shall issue a license in substance as follows: Marriage license, month and date, to any person authorized by law to perform the marriage ceremony, giving: The names of the persons performing the ceremony, and the names of some of the witnesses present.

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Civil Service Reform.

A joint resolution says the N. Y. Sun, has been reported in the Senate respecting the matter of appointments to office in the civil service. It authorizes the President to prescribe such rules and regulations for the admission of persons to the civil service of the United States as, in his judgment, will be best calculated to secure the most efficient and economical discharge thereof, and ascertain the fitness of each candidate in respect to age, health, character, knowledge, and ability. The President is also authorized to employ suitable persons to conduct inquiries upon the subjects, and to establish regulations for the conduct of those who may receive appointments. He is likewise empowered to prescribe fees to be paid by all persons applying for appointments, except such classes of honorably discharged soldiers as he may exempt. These fees are to be applied to pay the expenses of making such inquiries. This joint resolution is very good, and we trust that it will be passed by the House, and become a law. We hope also that in devising the proposed rules and regulations, the President will pay due attention to two or three principles which are of primary importance, but which, in his haste, he has not yet done. These are: 1. That the candidates for appointments should be selected on the basis of merit, and not of political affiliation. 2. That the candidates should be selected on the basis of merit, and not of political affiliation. 3. That the candidates should be selected on the basis of merit, and not of political affiliation.

Judge Woodward on the Haynest Election Law.

Judge Woodward of this State delivered an able speech last week on the Haynest law, from which we make the following extract: The prospective view of the President already discloses the living respectability of our nation empire that which King William and Bismarck are building up to bless the Germans, and very soon, if the people continue power in the hands of the two empires will become so palpable that we will be unprepared to see the President and his cabinet in the future, the blessings of a military despotism. All our legislation, all our public policy, all our foreign relations, all our domestic affairs, all our social and political life, all our moral and religious life, all our intellectual and scientific life, all our artistic and literary life, all our commercial and industrial life, all our social and political life, all our moral and religious life, all our intellectual and scientific life, all our artistic and literary life, all our commercial and industrial life.

Another Landgrab Whopper.

On 3rd inst the south Pacific railroad bill passed finally at Washington, by which fifteen million (15,000,000) acres of the public lands are given away. The voice of the people has thundered in the ears of congress against these outrageous land stealings and yet the public servants heed not the voice of their masters. What a specimen of radical honesty! Whether President Grant, who votes a bill allowing a private \$150 for a horse lost in the service, will as faithfully watch the service's interests when this land stealing elephant makes his appearance at his desk? We say no, he will sign away the 15,000,000 acres, as he did in all similar bills heretofore passed.

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Defeat of the Land Grabbing Bill.

Washington, March 2.—By those here interested, it is considered that the slaughter in the senate yesterday in the call of business on the speaker, table ends the chance of the passage of any of them. The strongest combination that could be arranged, were ready to force them through, and all the strength of the republicans was arrayed against them. The house refused by a vote of 114 to 91 to suspend the tax on incomes. Senator Sherman will press the passage of the bill repealing the duty on foreign coal, and it is understood will be backed by the members of the finance committee. The Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia members will unite in opposition to the bill, and, if necessary, will talk it over to the close of the session, as they have the right to do.

The Miner's Strike.

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Grant and Bribery.

The most discreditable and culpable act yet committed by President Grant was reported in our columns by our correspondent at Cincinnati yesterday. Capt. H. G. Stoms was an Assessor of Internal Revenue in the city of Cincinnati, and was appointed by Andrew Johnson, and after several other nominees to the office had been rejected by the Senate, he was confirmed because he was a satisfactory Republican. When Gen. Grant was elected, Stoms remained in office, as Jesse R. Grant, the President's father, gave, by his influence. Through the action of Stoms a certain gauger lost his situation because he was found to be unfaithful. Stoms was ordered to restore the gauger to his place, saying: "He has offered me \$500 for reappointment as gauger. He is a rascal; but if you will recommend him, I will take his money and give him the job." Stoms refused to do this; and then he was waited upon by the Rev. Mr. Cramer, the President's brother-in-law, whom Gen. Grant has recently appointed Minister to Denmark. Cramer also earnestly urged Stoms to resign his office, and to store the dishonest gauger, telling him that if he did not comply with this request he could no longer count on the support of Jesse R. Grant at Washington.

Good Sense on Santo Domingo.

The Nation, an ultra radical paper printed in New York, a paper edited with great ability, has the following upon Santo Domingo which we think is worth a reprint: It is curious and interesting to see how the San Domingo affair tends to a decision on a collateral issue. The main question is and always has been whether the annexation would or would not prove advantageous to the United States. On this point there is hardly any difficulty in putting the authors of the scheme to open conflict. But Mr. Sumner raised a fearful hullabaloo in the Senate about the frightful wrong, fraud, outrage, and cruelty the annexation would prove to the black man, and on this ground they are delighted to close with him and his opponents. The interest of Americans in the matter has been quietly pushed aside as something subordinate, and the question which is now being debated with most interest is whether the Dominicans would like to be annexed. It is to this the commissioners have been first directing their inquiries, and they have, of course, not the least difficulty in finding thousands of Dominicans who declare that there is nothing they would like better; and the New York Tribune swears before high heaven that if they don't want to be annexed, she shan't be annexed. Mr. Wade says the same thing, and so do all the correspondents who are writing in the press. Gradual, worked into the belief that this is the only point on which his mind is to be satisfied, and that if the Dominicans say they would like to be American citizens as yet, there is nothing for it but to annex them. The point to which the attention of most intelligent men, however, will still continue to be directed, is the probable effect on American policy of the admission of such a State as a Democratic Republic. On this point the correspondence of the New York Tribune is furnished most useful information. Their accounts agree in making it plain as possible that republican government in the hands of such a community as that which we are talking of is a mere farce, and that the political machinery would inevitably be worked by white sharpers and speculators from the North. The population is grossly ignorant, poor, superstitious, and indolent, and horribly afraid of the Haytiens. Indeed, fear of the Haytiens seems to be their principal reason for wishing to be admitted to the United States. If their account of the Haytiens be true, however, we shall see that the scheme of admitting the Haytiens—and what a fearful expenditure of life this would entail!—is a mere farce, and that we should have a new job on our hands. We do not see how it can be done, but to the soulless speculator who roams in the lobby, lays up piles of money, and swears that he will be a big "div" while in sight of the monstrous land grabbing bills which one brings him "big pie."

Ben Butler is about seeing for himself.

Ben Butler is about seeing for himself the papers that have expressed an unfavorable opinion of him, the damages being estimated at \$40,000. He has been employed as a legal adviser, by selling his clients to the opposite party. Proof of talent and success in his direction should be regarded as evidence of knowledge, ability, and character, testimony which has been submitted that the applicant has succeeded in making money out of any professional position he has previously held; as, for instance, if he has been a railway director, by betraying the interests of the stockholders, or if he has been employed as a legal adviser, by selling his clients to the opposite party. Proof of talent and success in his direction should be regarded as evidence of knowledge, ability, and character, testimony which has been submitted that the applicant has succeeded in making money out of any professional position he has previously held; as, for instance, if he has been a railway director, by betraying the interests of the stockholders, or if he has been employed as a legal adviser, by selling his clients to the opposite party.

AUDITORS REPORT.

Statement showing the Receipts and Disbursements of the County of Centre, Pa., for the year 1870. In accordance with an act of the Legislature, passed on the 23rd day of January, 1870, and the 23rd day of January, 1871, in relation to the audit of the accounts of the County of Centre, Pa., for the year 1870.

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