

GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

Nominations Sent to the Senate by the President.

Thomas H. Conroy of New York, to be Secretary of Legation to Mexico. William Reed Lewis of Pennsylvania, to be Consul at Tangier. Rev. William F. Hubbard of New York and Rev. Henry Swift of Dakota, to be Postmasters. John E. Banta, Muncie, Ind., and Aaron F. Vedder, Whitehall, N. Y., to be Postmasters.

Decline of Silver Circulation.

The silver dollar circulation is now declining very rapidly, the return of these coins daily to the Treasury being far in excess of the amount issued.

Courtesies to Distinguished Foreigners.

The Russian Sullere and Commandant d'Ullmann, two distinguished French generals, who have been at Arlington for the past week, were this morning privately received by the President.

The New Five-Dollar Certificates.

The Treasury Department has received the first impressions of the new five-dollar certificates. It has a portrait of President Grant on its face, and on the back a group of five silver dollars. The back is the most artistic yet produced by the Engraving Bureau.

Local Patents Issued.

The following patents have been issued to Washington: Needle or cravat fastener, to James K. Cleary; fishing tank for water-closets, to Horace J. J. Street; escape, to Frederick Lamb; street-cleaning, to P. H. Milligan; garnet supporter, to Henry A. Seymour.

Callers at the White House.

The President's callers today, before the Cabinet meeting, were Senator-elect Farwell, Senators Stanford, Renna and Gray, Representatives Ellsberry, White, Outwell, Griggs, Adams, Illinois; Moffat, King, Tucker, Le Fevre, Seymour, Brown, Lutz, Henley, Vile, Bunnell, Owen, Judge David Barlow, Ohio, and Assistant Land Commissioner Stockberger.

Discrimination Against Veterans.

A reporter of THE CRITIC called on Civil-Service Commissioner Edgerton to lay in regard to the complaint that veterans were almost invariably certified to inferior positions. Commissioner Edgerton said: "This is very peculiar."

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT NEWS.

THREE MONTHS' POLICE WORK.

Major Moore has submitted his report to the Commissioners for the quarter ending December 31, 1886. The total number of arrests was 5,109, of which 730 were females. There were 830 males and 156 females under 30 years of age arrested.

ES-POLEMAN N. H. COLE REQUITS REFERRED.

The present good weather has opened up the building season, and there was quite a boom in building to-day. The Building Inspector issued permits for the erection of buildings as follows: H. A. Hall to erect a two-story brick dwelling at the southeast corner of Fifteenth and P streets to cost \$5,000; J. K. Knight, erect two frame dwellings on E street, between L and M streets, southeast, \$1,000; George Raybold, erect three frame dwellings on E street, between Thirtieth and Fourteenth streets southeast, \$2,500; Dennis Edwards, erect a dwelling on M street, between Fifth and Sixth streets northeast, \$1,000; D. B. Graft, erect a private habitation, No. 1570 Fourth street, \$700; A. J. Fischer, erect a frame carpenter shop on L street, between Third and Second streets southeast, \$300; G. H. Bayne, erect a frame building on E street, between Thirtieth and Fourteenth streets southeast, \$800; W. P. Snyder, erect a frame dwelling on Fifteenth street extended, \$4,000.

Real Estate Transfers.

Matthew A. Tiedel, for \$4,500, sub-lot 57, square 200, on O between Eighth and Ninth streets northwest.

Justice Tempered With Mercy.

Robert Morrison, trustee of Samuel Beckett, Jr., claiming under the Budget estate, has entered suit against Charles H. and Mary F. Craig and John A. Williams for possession of the premises on Pennsylvania avenue, near Fifteenth street, and claims for the time to 1885, when the right was set up.

IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

The Woman Suffrage Amendment Called Up in the Senate.

The Senate Finance Committee proposed to take up for consideration as promptly as possible the funding bills in reference to National bank-note circulation.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE.

The Rhode Island Contested Election Under Discussion.

Mr. Hawley took this opportunity of inquiring as to the status of the Fortifications Appropriation bill.

GENERAL CAPITOL NOTES.

Hon. Charles B. Farwell of Illinois took the oath of office and assumed his duties as United States Senator this morning.

Mr. Hale's credentials for the full term, beginning March 4, were presented by his colleague, Mr. Foye, and placed on file.

Mr. Morgan introduced to-day a bill to transfer the Signal Service to the control of the Agriculture Department.

Senator Morgan introduced to-day a bill for the relief of William M. Bryant of the city by the extension of a patent.

THE CELEBRATION OF 1880.

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THE HOUSE.

The Secretary of War sent to the Speaker to-day, with his disapproval, a petition by enlisted men, asking that the act authorizing a retired list for private and non-commissioned officers be amended so as to reduce the period of service to 25 years.

IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY.

Senators Edmunds, Morgan and Sherman introduced a bill for the relief of John A. Hambleton, which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

THE TELEPHONE CASES.

The telephone cases which were begun yesterday in the U. S. Supreme Court are as follows: J. Amos E. Dolbear and others—Appeal from the Circuit Court for the District of Massachusetts.

THE ELECTORAL GOINT BILL.

The President has received the Electoral Count bill, but has not yet returned it. Mr. Farwell of Illinois has arrived in the city, and paid his respects to the President.

HOUSE DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the House District Committee to-day favorable reports were ordered on the bill to incorporate the National Safe Deposit Company; also the bill for the relief of John A. Hambleton.

CAPITOL CHURCH.

Men and Measures in Both Branches of Congress.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

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ELECTING SENATORS.

The opening executive session of the Woman's Suffrage Association was held in the red parlor of the Riggs House at 10:25 this morning.

SEWELL GAINS A POINT.

Mr. Sewell has gained a point in his fight against the liquor license bill.

NO BREAK IN THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE DEADLOCK.

There is no prospect of a break in the legislative deadlock in New Jersey.

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GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

Report on the Causes of the Recent Belfast Riots.

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