

GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL IN AND ABOUT THE DEPARTMENTS.

Colonel Lamont Ill From Overwork--To-night's Reception at the White House--A Civil-Service-Reform Promotion--Gen. Lawton's Declination.

Private Secretary Lamont is still unable to leave his apartments. Clara Aldrich has been commissioned as postmaster at Vilas, Wis.

The indorsement of Republican office-seekers by Democratic Senators is causing complaint and disension in the Democratic ranks.

There seems to be no doubt that Secretary Bayard will recommend the appointment of a successor to Mr. Williams as Minister to Hayti.

Secretary Lamar has issued a circular directing Information to register all taking of the semi-decennial census as provided by the act of March 3, 1875.

The President's horses, recently purchased, will probably reach this city late this afternoon. It is to be tested at the President's afternoon drive.

Treasury Department employes have already contributed about \$200 to the Bartholdi pedestal fund. There are several thousands and divisions yet to be made from.

The President of the British Minister designated Senator Peralt to represent that republic in Washington. Senator Peralt is already accredited as Minister from Costa Rica.

Mr. F. Sperry, Government stamp agent at Hartford, Conn., to-day resigned and W. L. Eaton has been appointed to the vacancy. Mr. Eaton is a son of ex-Secretary Eaton.

Bids were opened in the office of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury yesterday for the construction of nine buildings for use of the Marine Hospital Service at Baltimore. There were several bidders.

The circuit attorney of St. Louis has written a letter to the British Minister detailing the recent tragedy at St. Louis and asking if the British Government will defray the expense of bringing Maxwell back to this country.

Rear-Admiral Jonek has telegraphed as follows to the Secretary of the Navy: "Swatara just arrived. Columbian General Villa writes me that he will come to the Isthmus in a few days and re-establish constitutional government."

Charles Montgomery, Alabama, has been appointed a national bank examiner, and is to be assigned to the southern district, which consists of the States of Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas.

The Manhattan Club of New York will give a dinner on Thursday evening to the members of Cleveland's Cabinet and the recently-appointed Ministers to other countries. The preparations have been making very quietly.

Hon. John W. Foster, United States Minister to Spain, left Washington for New York city last night. He will sail next Wednesday for Madrid, where he will conduct further negotiations in regard to our commercial relations with Spain and the Spanish colonies.

The Young Men's Democratic Club of New York, at a meeting last evening, adopted a resolution congratulating Secretary Whitney, who is a member of the club, upon his appointment to a Cabinet position and inviting him to a complimentary dinner to be given at some early date.

The office furniture and records which have been in General Butler's house on Capitol Hill are being removed to the Capitol basement. During the last session the records were temporarily stored in committee-room purposes and for the storage of a certain class of public documents.

It is stated that ex-Governor T. C. Bay, who has just returned from South America as a member of the South American Commission, will be appointed Minister to Spain to succeed Mr. Foster. The latter will sail from New York in a day or two for Madrid, where he will continue treaty negotiations.

Lieutenant Schmetze has received from the State Department a handsome gold medal presented by the President to Vanill Bohowsky, a Polish nobleman, knight, or "Onward Bill," the native who was instrumental in saving Engineer Melville and the boat's crew after the wreck of the Jeannette.

The number of clerks allowed to the District of Columbia and Maryland under the civil-service assignments have been more than filled. The candidates who have already successfully passed examinations are sufficient to fill all the positions to which Washington and Maryland will be entitled for several months.

The President will occupy during the coming summer the cottage reserved for the use of President at the Soldiers Home. The house is now being fitted up, and the President will move in about the 15th of May. Miss Cleveland will, it is thought, go North during the summer and will stay in Newport.

The promotion of Zebulon Lawrence to chief of the Diplomatic Division of the First Comptroller's office leads to the following designation for examination for promotion: William Linton, from class three to class four; Allen Wood, from class two to class three; and Edward I. Renick, from class one to class two.

President Cleveland has been requested to allow the headquarters of the United States Internal Revenue Department for the second district of Virginia to remain at Petersburg. A committee was appointed yesterday to bring to Washington the resolutions adopted by the joint meeting of the Petersburg Tobacco Exchange and Chamber of Commerce.

W. E. Craig, Collector of Internal Revenue at Staunton, Va., received a dispatch from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue yesterday requesting him to resign. He replied at once, inquiring by what authority and for what reason his resignation was requested. Craig is understood to be unwilling to resign except by direction of the President.

Hon. James O. Brodhead of Missouri and Mr. Somerville P. Tack, formerly of Maryland, but now of New York, have been selected by Senator Bayard to collect evidence in foreign countries in reference to French spoliation claims. Mr. Brodhead was a member of the last House. He was a candidate for Attorney-General in President Cleveland's Cabinet.

Communications have been received at some of the South and Central American legations from the home governments highly commending the course pursued by Commander Kane of the Galena, during the recent troubles on the Isthmus. These letters say that Kane was placed in a most embarrassing position and acted with courage, skill and patriotism.

The Hon. Boyd Winchester of Louisiana, Ky., who was appointed Consul to Nice last Saturday, has written a letter to Secretary Bayard, respectfully declining the appointment. It is understood that the small sum of \$1,500 attached to the post is not sufficiently stimulating to take Mr. Winchester away from his law practice, and

THE ARKANSAS STYLE.

ESTHETICISM AT A DISCOUNT IN MR. GARLAND'S DEPARTMENT.

Reforms and Changes in the Attorney-General's Office Since Mr. Brewster's Exit That Would Bring Tears to the Eyes of Oscar Wilde.

There is not as much style about the Department of Justice as there used to be, but just as much work is done there. The appearance of the office of the Attorney-General is now in strong contrast to what it once was. Oscar Wilde, should he pay a visit to the Attorney-General now, would not feel as much at home as he would have felt in paying a visit to Mr. Garland's predecessor.

He would not now find much of the aesthetic looking around the premises. His eyes would not rest upon bric-a-brac arranged profusely in that careless style in which the aesthete delights. No dainty statuettes nor figures in bronze of a large size would greet his admiring gaze.

He would not find the Attorney-General seated before a desk that was a thing of beauty and a joy forever. Nor would the mantel be found decorated with a rich, glaring and costly lambrquin.

The Attorney-General would be found to be a handsomer man than the one who was there before, but he would not have such a pretty shirt with ruffles on his bosom and around the wrists. The lamps now placed around the office would not be of the same type as those that Mr. Wilde would find in a staid-gaited attitude and remain there in stasis for about three minutes and two seconds by the watch. Mr. Wilde would find all these things and many more. What he would find would be an office furnished plainly, but in excellent taste. There is no sumptuous there, but there is a room well appointed in every respect.

And seated at his desk, in plain everyday attire, is Mr. Garland. He is always busy and does just as much work as if he had filled to his shirt and artistic antiques in every nook and corner of his office. If Mr. Wilde felt like resting his eyes on something that would aid him in getting out of himself he might hunt around in the corners of the building. He might find bric-a-brac in dark corners and rich upholstery in closets. If he entered a small side room suddenly he would be startled as a figure that would suddenly come within his range of vision. It would be a statue of Henry the Fifth. This statue was the late Attorney-General's particular pride and glory--it has raffles.

When Mr. Garland said "take that thing away," when it first came into his office, the statue was hustled into that room. On the whole Mr. Wilde would have a very unsatisfactory visit to the Attorney-General's quarters as situated at present. But as the matter would be pleasant with their present appearance it is probably just as well, if by any chance Mr. Brewster should make a visit to the office in which he formerly resided, he would be well advised to bring a series of cold shivers running up and down his back. The reporter is reliably informed that he might weep at the vandalism that has been going on.

DOCTORS IN SESSION. Annual Meeting of the American Surgical Association.

The annual meeting of the American Surgical Association was begun at the Army Medical Museum in this city this morning. The meeting consists of a series of eight sessions, from the 21st to the 28th inst. inclusive, a morning and afternoon session being held each day.

A cordial invitation to be present at the sessions had been issued by the association to the medical profession, and the attendance at the opening session this morning was quite large.

The session was called to order promptly at 11 o'clock by the president of the association, Dr. W. T. Briggs of Nashville, Tenn. The secretary, Dr. J. K. Wells, of Chicago, Ill., read the report of the association for the past year.

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THE "BOSTONS" BADLY BEATEN.

Notes of Yesterday's Game, the Game To-day, and Other Sporting Notes.

The game-to-day will decide whether the "Mets" or Nationals enter the American Association.

The Boston were done up in beautiful style yesterday. For the first two innings it looked as though the home nine would be beaten, but they settled down to business after the third and played a fine game. Gagne surprised everyone by his pitching. Instead of two, the Nationals have really four good pitchers.

How did Knowles' second-base playing suit you yesterday? If anyone in the audience has seen any better second-base playing on the Nationals' grounds than Knowles did yesterday he can get a season ticket at this office--by paying for it. It is lucky that Knowles was changed to second, for at first base he was only fair, while where he is he can't be beaten.

When it was certain that the Nationals will win yesterday, Bob Hewett said in a very modest way, "Well, we do the best we can, you know." His complaint smile told, however, that the "best" suited him pretty exactly.

Yesterday was ladies' day, and the fair sex was well represented in the grand stand. Less smoking was done there by the gentlemen than at any other time. The management would do well to make every day "ladies' day." The presence of the ladies lends a brighter charm to the occasion and exerts a wholesome restraint.

Motorists are making a good reputation as a safe matter. In fact, every man on the line is hitting the ball, and Moore promises to be the name terror to pitchers that he was last season.

The Nationals indulged in more kicking during the second and third innings than any other club that has been here this season. Big Bullington did not like to be hit. They were partially right, as it did the Nationals' batting average. Gagne stepped out of the box every once in a while.

The Metropolitan arrived in the city this morning and are in excellent trim. The manager, Mr. J. H. Griffin, promised a return to the Nationals' grounds for a good game. The assignment of the Metropolitan line for the game this afternoon was as follows: William Holbert, c.; Edward Bagley, p.; John H. Davenport, 1b.; Dave Orr, 2b.; John Troy, 3b.; Charles Kelly, 3b.; Brady, r. f.; Edward Kennedy, l. f.; James Roseman, c. f.

The game-to-day with the Metropolitan will be the most exciting of any played this season on account of the great stake for which they are supposed to be playing. According to the records of the two clubs the present season's Nationals should have a trouble winning, but ball like white man, is a "mighty ornartin'."

BOATING. The first regular meeting of the new rowing and athletic club will be held Wednesday evening next at 8 p. m., at Frank Ward's new boating, 831 E street northwest. Ward is holding a regular in the formation of the new club.

The Columbia had out several crews last night. It is too early to say whether or not they will send a crew to Fredericksburg on July 4 next.

John Kennedy has received an offer to put the Fredericksburg four into shape for the Virginia regatta. It is not settled whether they will accept or not.

Advices from Auckland give some of the particulars of the Hanlan-Beach race. It was for \$2,500 and the championship of the world. Both men were in splendid condition. Beach won easily. In a few seconds a cordial invitation to be present at the sessions had been issued by the association to the medical profession, and the attendance at the opening session this morning was quite large.

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GOING FOR MAXWELL.

THE GOVERNMENT TAKES A HAND IN THE ST. LOUIS TRAGEDY.

Great Britain Asked to Aid in the Capture of Preller's Murderer--Interest Manifested by Minister West--Preparation of the Extradition Papers.

The Government has begun to take an active interest in the St. Louis Southern Hotel tragedy. Throughout yesterday and today the Department of State was busily engaged on such international preliminaries as will be necessary to secure the capture of Walter Lenox Maxwell and bring him to justice for the murder of Charles Arthur Preller.

The Secretary of State has had a meeting with the British Government, which was presented to Minister West this afternoon, for England to join in the pursuit of Maxwell to the fullest extent of its consular and police powers.

Extradition treaties exist between Hawaii, Great Britain and the United States, which cover the Sandwich Islands. Unfortunately, however, there is no treaty with Samoa, where the late Maxwell may disembark and elude arrest, but it is believed in the State Department that the Government could make the arrest there by the aid of the British Government.

Therefore Missouri will be called upon to carry the load, which must be exceedingly heavy when it is understood that one cablegram from St. Louis to New Zealand amounts to \$200. The American consul at Honolulu, Auckland and all other points along the line of Maxwell's flight were yesterday notified by the Department of State to use every available means for the capture of Maxwell, and were further instructed to communicate promptly with the authorities at all accessible points.

The Secretary of State has suggested that the officers at St. Louis prepare immediately a formal application for the extradition of Maxwell, both from the British Government and the Hawaiian Islands, and that these papers be promptly prepared. At the British Legation the greatest interest is manifested in the case, and Minister West has assured Hon. John M. McKay, who is in charge of the St. Louis office, that Great Britain will do all in its power to aid in the capture of Maxwell.

Chief L. Harrison that he had personally advanced the money necessary to carry out the respective defendants, and had really overcome all diplomatic obstacles and red tape.

The Congressmen stated this morning that he believed the officers were on the trail, and that Maxwell would be captured. Now that the responsibility for the expense has been definitely settled, the people of St. Louis will to-day secure the necessary means by subscription.

THE DICKSON TRIAL. The testimony of witnesses concerning the alleged bribe.

The Dickson trial was resumed in the Criminal Court this morning, Judge MacArthur presiding. The attendance in the courtroom was large and of a more than usual intelligent character. Ex-Marshal Henry, who will be called as a witness, was present. The first witness called was Henry H. Henshaw, a short, stout man of Washington. He was the member of the first Star-Route jury. His examination was conducted by Mr. Wells.

"The jury left the courtroom," he began, "about 10 o'clock last afternoon. The first thing that we did when we got to the jury-room was to take a vote on the question whether all the defendants were guilty of conspiracy. The next vote was as to the respective defendants."

In reference to the attempt to bribe Mr. Dickson with \$25,000, he said that he first heard of the matter on Four-and-a-half street, on the morning of the trial. He was called by Mr. Dickson to the trial, and he was there before the termination of the trial.

"I made very little of the report, however," continued the witness, "and remarked to Mr. Dickson jokingly, 'Dickson, if you had \$25,000 you could buy a horse and a cart for yourself. I didn't take much stock in the rumor. At another conversation Mr. Dickson expressed some doubt about the offering for the purpose of bribery, but he said he would not say anything about it until he had seen the papers. The next time the subject was alluded to was in the jury-room.'