

GOVERNMENT GOSSIP.

OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL IN AND ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT.

Summary Orders Relative to Wives on Public Buildings--Nothing New in the Kelley Case--The Ward Statue of Garfield--Col. Lamont's Serious Illness--The St. Louis Appraisership.

Secretary Whitney did not return from New York to-day, and is not now expected before Thursday, while it is not certain that he will return for several days. During his absence Commodore Walker will continue to act, but important financial dispatches and other urgent matters will be forwarded to the Secretary.

IMPROVING WASHINGTON CIRCLE.

Colonel Rockwell, Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds, has ordered the erection of a new building in Washington Circle in addition to the other improvements. The gas-lamps are being erected, the stone curbs cut and the paths laid out. It is proposed to remove the fence within a few days and to have the improvements of the circle completed as rapidly as possible.

CONSUL-GENERAL WALLER IN TOWN.

Governor T. M. Waller of Connecticut, Consul-General to London, England, arrived at the Arlington to-day, accompanied by a party of friends, consisting of Hon. S. M. McKim, Colonel N. E. Osborne, New Haven, and W. S. Williams, New Haven. The Consul-General is here to receive final instructions from the State Department and take his leave of President Cleveland and Secretary Bayard.

CHIEF FOR AN AUDITORIUM.

Mr. T. Strobo Farrow of the South Carolina Senate is being urged for one of the Treasury auditorships. He is the gentleman who, in recently presenting President Cleveland with the resolution for the Carolina Legislature, indorsing civil-service reform, explained that civil-service reform as understood in the South meant that the officers should be elected by competent persons and men of character who were in accord with the people.

ECONOMY AMONG BANK RECEIVERS.

A new field for retrenchment and reform has been discovered by Mr. Cannon, the Controller of the Currency. Material reductions in the number and compensation of receivers appointed for national banks are being made. In many instances it is found that receivers continue to draw salaries for months after the liquidation of the banks. Some of these instances are being dispensed with. In others the work is turned over to bank examiners or other regular employees. The receivers' salaries are discontinued and a per diem allowance made for services actually rendered. A very material saving is accomplished.

PRESIDENT VS. OFFICE-SEEKERS.

The President is reported to be very much disappointed at the poor prospect of relief from the pressure of office-seekers. He has refused again and again to consider cases until the applicants were home and left him undisturbed. He has also refused to drive away one set of office-seekers after another, but the stream of arrivals does not diminish, and every day at least a dozen cases are reported as being before him. The President at first thought that he could close the doors by refusing to make any appointments until the crowds had departed. He now begins to believe that there is to be no relief so long as an appointment remains to be made.

ECONOMIZING ON CARPETS.

A circular order shortly to be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject of carpeting for public buildings will result in a saving of 20 per cent, amounting to thousands of dollars annually, while at the same time resulting in increasing comfort, convenience and economy. The order provides that in the future all carpets for buildings should be so cut as to occupy a space not comparatively larger than that of the floors which are now so much carpeted. The double advantage to be gained by this will be the great saving in the quantity of the material and the increase of length of wear, in consequence of the fact that the double cut carpets can be taken up at any time for cleaning.

REORGANIZING A BUREAU.

The reorganization of the First Comptroller's office has been completed. The divisions reduced in number from nine to five. The work on miscellaneous accounts has been added to the internal revenue division, which is placed in charge of Mr. C. Clarke. The division of receipts and appropriations has been added to the record of accounts, bonds, contracts and powers of attorney. To the division of loans and Congressional accounts has been added the accounts of the United States Treasurer, the Public Printer, officers of the mint and assay officers, and for transportation of money and securities. By this policy he has created, to include foreign intercourse, public lands and District of Columbia and Territorial accounts. Mr. John Walker, a clerk of class 4, has been placed in charge of the new division.

COLONEL LAMONT'S HEALTH.

Colonel Lamont's name must be added to a long list of serious sufferers from the malarial atmosphere that drifts in to the southern windows of the White House. He is an officer of the 10th Cavalry, and is much sicker than is generally conceded. Nobody expects him to be at work again for a week or ten days, and it will be a long time before he is able to resume operations with his accustomed energy. He is almost completely broken down, and will require rest and careful treatment to recover. The President has had the Chief of the Army Medical Bureau, who has been in the West, Louisiana has had the most energetic gentlemen who have borne the clerical burdens of three administrations.

THE ST. LOUIS APPRAISERSHIP.

The appraisership of the port of St. Louis is getting to be an interesting cause of content. It is a matter of \$100,000 a year, and is now being fought for by a citizen of St. Louis, but the Senators from Missouri have united on John F. Coker, who is the superintendent of some mines in the eastern portion of the State. Congressman Glover, in whose district the office is really located, wants the appointment of his young friend, O. M. Creveling, who is a member of the most expert bank clerks in the West. Louisiana has had the most energetic gentlemen who have borne the clerical burdens of three administrations.

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APPLICATIONS FOR POSTOFFICES.

At a meeting of the Postoffice Department estimates that there are about 300 letters received daily at the Department in reference to appointments. About 100 offices are included in the daily average. The applications and replies are about 5,000 different offices have been received since March 4. The applications are indexed and filed about as rapidly as received.

FISHING IN CANADIAN WATERS.

Sir John Macdonald, the Canadian Premier, stated in the House at Ottawa, that communications have taken place with the United States Government, by which American fishermen, of the waters of the Dominion after the expiration of the fishery articles of the treaty of Washington and for the regulation of the relations between the Dominion and the United States. He said, however, that he was not in a position to disclose their nature.

MINISTER KELLEY'S CASE.

A. M. Kelley of Richmond, Va., the new Minister to Italy, returned to Washington this morning. He returned at the Hotel. At noon he held a conference with Secretary Bayard. General Epps Hunt also arrived this morning, and it is believed he is here to see Mr. Kelley. The name has been suggested for the Italian Mission. Mr. Kelley's family are in New York and ready to sail to-morrow should no difference be suggested by the Secretary.

PROLONGED DUTY IN WASHINGTON.

Chief Engineer H. L. Snyder has been ordered to continue on his present duty as Superintendent of the State, War and Navy Department building until May 1, 1885. The order is in the hands of the Chief of the Building Board and is expected to continue on the Light House Board and in the New York, Hall, Harkness, Eastman, Foley and Frisby on their present duties until May 1, 1885.

TERRITORIAL DISAPPOINTMENTS.

The applicants for Territorial appointments, are becoming weary and impatient over what they consider an unnecessary delay in "turning the rascals out." They are fearful, too, that the President has departed somewhat from the spirit and letter of both the Republican and Democratic platforms by filling the Supreme bench of New Mexico with non-residents of the Territory, and are apprehensive that he will follow up his course in other Territories. Delegate O'Quay and Mr. Ainslee are among those who have departed under a shadow of disappointment. Mr. O'Quay wants to be Governor of Arizona.

THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE MARINES.

The withdrawal of the marines from Panama at a critical time is a surprise and a puzzle to the naval authorities. Rear-Admiral Jonett's orders are almost entirely disregarded by the command. It is believed that Jonett's orders are almost entirely disregarded by the command. It is believed that Jonett's orders are almost entirely disregarded by the command. It is believed that Jonett's orders are almost entirely disregarded by the command.

AN IMPORTANT PAPER.

Chief Roomer's Report on All Claims for Drawbacks on Taxes Paid. Mr. Wm. Oscar Roomer, chief of Special Assessment Division, having completed the audit for the claims for drawbacks has made the following report to the Engineer Commissioner:

MINOR NEWS NOTES.

Colonel J. H. McCluggage and Charles Mott were killed by a fair-landed audience at the second boxing match, on Monday night. Mott was declared the winner by a majority of the five judges. McCluggage grew angry and did not get into a ring with Mott. At the stage after the match, and they nearly came to blows.

MINOR AND PERSONAL.

The Greely relief steamer Alert is at Halifax. Congressman Springer is prominently mentioned for the Russian mission. Naval Cadet W. C. Callaghan has resigned from the United States Academy at Annapolis. The First Comptroller has decided that the earnings of New York districts are not taxable. The Marine Hospital Bureau is informed that cholera is prevailing in Calcutta to an alarming extent.

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed E. T. Hunt to be shipping commissioner at Pensacola. Secretary Endicot will return from Boston to-morrow evening. Chief Clerk Tweed is settling Secretary Bayard's absence. The First Comptroller has declined to reverse the decision of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue as to the allowance on tobacco stamps.

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