

by him. The law requires that these be confirmed by the Territorial Council, an arrangement which would knock all his plans silly but for the fact that there is no Council and will not probably be another, the next upper legislative branch of that commonwealth promising to be a State Senate. But the Governor would undoubtedly have the inherent power, even if the Organic Act did not grant it, to appoint *ad interim*, and he has been taking advantage of the situation "for all it was worth." The commissions are all made to read "Until and pending the next sitting of the Legislative Council," or words to that effect; and as he has made a clean sweep of all such incumbents, and all of them are Republicans, the frame of mind in which the latter find themselves is more easily imagined than described.

It is said that all is fair in politics, as well as in love and war. Individually, we fail to see how a dishonorable trick is any more excusable in a set of men than in a solitary man. All forms of dishonesty, including any means of whatever nature by which the spirit of the law is ignored and the will of the people rendered a negative quality in the economy of our government, by a resort to mere empty procedure, are to be shunned and those who perpetrate them looked upon with suspicion if nothing worse. A fraud is a fraud and a cheat a cheat, whether they be the work of a Democrat, a Republican or a non-partisan. Nor does the *argumentum ad hominem* of "You're another" help the case in the least; each offense, as in any other department of life, stands and should be judged by itself.

A GRACEFUL ACT.

A DISPATCH informs us that the Senate diverged from the customary formula in such case made and provided, and at once confirmed the nomination of Walker Blaine to be an assistant to his father in the State Department. This goes to show that the animosity to the Secretary of State is political, not personal, as the act was intended as a compliment to him. It further shows that the Democrats are not so badly tainted with Bourbonism and party venom as they have been repeatedly represented; for though they are in the minority in the Senate, it is yet a powerful minority, being within

two of an equal number to their opponents; and though they might not be able to prevent confirmation ultimately, they could hold the Senate to the rule if they chose, and thus and by filibustering delay favorable action indefinitely.

The appointee is described as a young man of considerable ability, entertaining somewhat his father's likes, dislikes and methods, and will no doubt make his mark in public life.

HIS FUTURE FORETOLD.

SINCE the suicide of Pigott the arch-conspirator, traitor and forger, there have been several prognostications unearthed which, it is alleged, were uttered long before their fulfillment, and which go to prove that "the spirit of prophecy" still finds occasional means of utterance even though we do not live in an age when prophecies and miracles are supposed to be possible. The most recent publication of anti-Pigott prediction states that the following appears in the diary of Mrs. Jane Welsh Carlyle under date of April 27, 1845. Our readers can take it for what it appears in their eyes to be worth:

"As for young Mr. Pigott, I will here, in the spirit of prophecy, inherited from my great great ancestor, John Welsh, the covenanter, make a small prediction. If there be, in his time, an insurrection in Ireland, as these gentlemen [referring to her husband's Irish visitors] confidently anticipate, Mr. Pigott will rise to be a Robespierre of some sort; will cause many heads to be removed from the shoulders they belong to, and will eventually have his own head removed from his own shoulders. Nature has written on that handsome but fatal countenance, quite legibly to my prophetic eyes, 'Go and get thyself beheaded but not before having lent a hand toward the great work of immortal smash.'"

PARENTAL CRUELTY.

IN the great "Christian" city of New York there are so many instances of brutality on the part of parents towards their children, that the ordinary municipal methods and extraordinary police forces are insufficient to suppress the evil. A Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has for fourteen years been in active operation, and has rescued many unfortunate victims of parental violence.

The *Mail and Express* says, if one wishes to have absolute proof of the presence of vice, misery and brutality in the metropolis, he need not

visit the slums or frequent the police courts. He can secure it by visiting the office of this Society. There may be seen photographs of youths and maidens whose bodily forms show the ravages of starvation and the mutilation of the knife, whip and club. It appears that these victims to the vicious outbursts of irate parents are not always to be found in the haunts of the poor, but often in the homes of the comparatively well-to-do.

The prevalence of cruelty to children in the commercial capital of this "Christian" nation may be measurably understood from the statistics of the Society. During the past year 8,500 complaints were received, 2,244 cases were prosecuted, and 2,208 convictions were secured, while 3,216 children were rescued from the horrors of parental brutality. All this in a single year, in the leading city of this great country.

Here, it would seem, is a field for the labors of philanthropists and professed lovers of their kind, which might be worked with greater profit than missions to the cannibal islands, or even to the supposed schoolless and benighted children of the "Mormons" in Utah.

The wretchedness and misery to be found in the American metropolis are too great and awful for language to express. There are to be found more people without a home, in the true sense of that blessed word, than the whole population of this Territory. Through the false witness borne by professed preachers of the Gospel, who have gone from these regions to wheedle dollars out of Eastern pockets, the idea prevails that the "Mormons" know nothing of home life, and "the establishment of the Christian home in Utah" is made the ostensible object of many a collection in sectarian church meetings in Gotham.

And yet the very horrors of hell are in eastern tenement houses and other haunts of heartless parents, who look upon their offspring as a curse and vent upon the helpless little ones the fury of boiling rage, the anger of disappointment and the passion evoked in ungoverned breasts by the troubles of toiling life. Such scenes as are common there are almost unknown among the people whose names are cast out as evil, and who have at least as clear a conception of the beauties of home and as much of practical enjoyment of their benefits as any people in the world with no more material means to secure them.