

The Common Council have refused to receive a committee from the Workmen's Union, who sought to have the Corporation printing transferred to some firm willing to pay the Printers' Union prices. A mass meeting of working men will be held.

The *Herald* says the war against the Administration has already begun. It urges Grant not to yield to a faction of Radical politicians, but to stick to the appointment of Stewart, and make a fight over him to test the loyalty of Congress to his administration. The people, the *Herald* says, will sustain him; and the President can rally all the Conservative element of the country to his support.

A Washington special says Boutwell has declined the Treasuryship, the postmaster Generalship and Attorney Generalship; then the secretary of State ordered them to Wilson of Iowa, but he declined them all. Another dispatch says that Bowie does not wish office and that Stewart, at a late hour last night, finally decided to resign.

The *Chicago Tribune* special says the President has removed all the Union Pacific Railroad commissioners except Williams.

Stewart proposes to make an absolute transfer of all interest and profits derived from his business during his term of office to the trustees, the proceeds to go to the public charities of New York. Many persons think this proposition absurd and impracticable.

Washburn has forwarded his resignation of his seat in Congress to the Governor of Illinois that a new election may be ordered; the usual notice of his acceptance of the Secretaryship of State has been forwarded to the Diplomatic Corps, and they are severally invited to call at their convenience. It's certain that he won't remain long in the department. There is reason for believing that the President intends giving him the French Mission.

Grant, yesterday, revoked the pardon which had been issued by his predecessor to Jacob and Moses Dupuy, also to Enright, and directed the immediate and peremptory dismissal of Binckley from the Revenue Bureau. He further directed the revocation of all orders staying proceedings against Fullerton, so that that individual may be brought to trial.

The Senate Republican Caucus have decided to have a Joint Standing Committee for the removal of political disabilities, and further resolved that it was not expedient to enter upon general legislation at the present session, but informally decided to consider the Tenure of Office bill, the bill to strengthen public credit, and that looking to a new election in Virginia.

The offices of Consul at Paris and London have been abolished, and Consulates General established at those points.

The White House was opened to the public yesterday. A great crowd of office-seekers attended; none saw the President. Persons with no particular business were told that General Grant would have no time for seeing them for several weeks, and that all minor appointments will be made through the heads of Departments.

The *Tribune's* New York special says Lyman Tremain, it is thought, will have a good chance for the Attorney Generalship, should Hoare withdraw.

Gold advanced on the news of Stewart's withdrawal.

Washington.—The President has issued an order to Gen. Sherman to assume command of the armies.

There was a great crowd present at the Presidential reception this morning; there were large numbers at the Senate, mostly office seekers.

Rochester.—Van Piper's flouring mill was partly destroyed by an explosion of the boiler yesterday; three men were killed.

Petersburg.—The Republican State Convention met at noon to-day in Tucker's Hall. An anti-Wells man attempted to be declared temporary chairman, which the Wells men resisted, when a general row ensued around the Chairman's stand. A strong police force interfered and separated the combatants. Mr. Burgess, Mayor of the city, appeared and made a speech on behalf of peace. The rival candidates for the temporary chairmanship followed, advocating peace, when another fight ensued. The Mayor ordered the police to clear the hall, which was done. The delegates are now scattered about the streets, and it is not known when they will meet again.

Richmond.—The Supreme lodge of the Knights of Pythias met in annual session in Covenant Hall to-day; eight States were represented. Reports were received from California, Nebraska and

Louisiana. The membership numbers 50,000 with two hundred and fifty lodges and eight grand lodges.

Washington.—At a Cabinet meeting held to-day little was done.

Secretary Bowie was qualified to-day; Secretary Cox has arrived and will probably qualify to-morrow. Delan will enter upon his duties as Commissioner of Internal Revenue to-morrow. Many changes in important offices connected with the Internal Revenue Bureau are expected soon.

General Sherman issued orders on assuming command of the army. His general staff is as follows: Townsend, Adj. Gen.; Marcy, Inspector Gen.; Meigs Q. M. Gen.; Eaton, Commissary Gen.; Barnes, Surgeon Gen.; Brice, Paymaster Gen.; Holt, Judge Advocate; Gen. Humphrey, chief of Engineers; Dyer, chief of Ordnance; Mayer, chief Signal Officer.

Stewart has declined the appointment of Secretary of the Treasury; the President has accepted his declination.

Among the bills introduced into the Senate to-day, was one by Morton to Grant the right of way to the Memphis and El Paso Pacific Railroad; one by Wilson to relinquish the interest of the United States, in certain lands in the city and county of San Francisco.

Chicago, 9.—Dr. Christian Pershey, one of the most highly respected citizens of Muscatine, Iowa, was murdered to-day by a German named Mowery with whom Pershey had some lawsuits; public excitement is very great and threats are made to lynch Mowery.

Springfield, Mass.—Danl. L. Harris, President of the Connecticut River Railroad has been appointed a Government Commissioner on the Union Pacific railroad.

Washington.—This morning Stewart prepared and executed a transfer of his entire interest in the profits of the business of A. C. Stewart and Co., during his official term, to be applied to charitable purposes, to W. B. Astor, James Brown, Wm. E. Dodge, James T. Roosevelt and Henry Hilton. This met with the general approval of many leading Senators and members, but did not satisfy others, who insisted that Stewart could not qualify short of the absolute sale and disposition of all property connected with his business.

Having maturely considered the matter it was concluded that it would be less embarrassing to the President for Stewart formally to decline the Secretaryship. The interview between Stewart and Grant in relation to the matter was long, and marked with the utmost cordiality. Stewart in his letter of withdrawal, expressed his high appreciation of the honor conferred, and says, could the difficulties presented be overcome by any reasonable personal sacrifice he would willingly make it, and thus unite his efforts with the President and other members of the Cabinet in restoring economy, honesty and strict frugality in the administration of the Government, and lift, as rapidly as possible, from the people the great burdens of taxation, debt and extravagance resting upon them; but his business relations with his firm cannot be summarily severed, nor can his interest be wholly or absolutely disposed of without producing great embarrassment and loss to those connected with him. He therefore yields to the better judgement of others, and finally renews his declination of the position offered. It is said that at the lowest estimate six millions would have been realized to the charities of New York by the means Stewart proposed within four years.

Buffalo.—The difficulty between the Northern Central and Erie roads has been adjusted; the cars of the former company now make regular trips over the Erie line.

Concord.—The returns of the State election show a smaller vote than in November, but indicate an increased Republican majority over last March when Harriman was elected; the majority was about 2,500. Stearns is probably elected Governor by three thousand majority. There is a large Republican majority in the State Legislature.

New York.—The case of Danforth N. Barney against Wm. H. Mill and others, to recover a hundred thousand for damages sustained by the plaintiff as President of the Wells Fargo Express Company, by the explosion of a box of nitro glycerine at San Francisco some years ago, commenced to-day before Judge Barnard.

Louisville.—John C. Breckenridge, after an exile of eight years, reached his home at Lexington yesterday. He will immediately resume the practice of the law, and will carefully eschew politics.

Washington.—David G. Gooding,

yesterday resigned the office of Marshal for the district of Columbia.

Brevet Major General Adalbert Ames has been assigned to the command of the Fourth Military District, according to his brevet rank.

Sacome.—Moses Lowell, Republican, has been elected Mayor by 300 majority.

W. H. Smith, of Mount Vernon, has been appointed Solicitor of the Internal Revenue Bureau, vice Binckley, removed.

Chicago.—A man named Jas. Tinn and his wife and two children were found locked in his house yesterday, the three latter were dead, decomposition already beginning; Tinn was almost in the agonies of death. It is supposed that all were poisoned by arsenic, but by whom or for what reason is a complete mystery.

New York 10.—The appointments of Colonel Hudson, of Colusi, formerly on Grant's staff, as Marshall; Captain H. G. Rolins, Register of the San Francisco land office, and R. B. Franklin, Coiner of the Mint, is nearly certain.

Senators Stewart, Carpenter and others are urging the removal of Surveyor Day and the appointment of C. F. Wood, of Oakland. Cole and Sargent do not support the movement, but they apparently share the dissatisfaction with the management of Day's office.

A general change of the Mare Island appointees is probable, Hennis Hait expects to be reinstated. Calvin Brown wants a civil engineer's place. The San Francisco Assessorship hangs, apparently, between Cole, whose nominee is Buckbee of Plumas, and Sargent's, Wait of Sacramento. Cole urges Curtis for Collector, and Sargent sustains Coey.

Chicago.—The *Times* special thinks Boutwell will be nominated for the Treasuryship to-day, though New Yorkers are making strong pressure for Hamilton Fish or Griswold. He says Snow, of the *Intelligencer*, was recently removed from the Commission of the Pacific Railroad. He is preparing a report, denouncing the construction of the road in operation in unmeasured terms. The same special thinks the Senate will promptly repeal the Tenure of Office Bill; he also thinks Motley will stand the best chance for the English mission.

The *Tribune's* special thinks Hamilton Fish will be sent to England and Curtin to Russia.

There was another great rush of office-seekers yesterday. All letters and recommendations are turned over to Gen. Babcock.

Gen. Howard will soon be relieved from the charge of the Freedmen's Bureau. General Hatch, who, for a long time has held the post of chief officer of the Bureau, in Louisiana, will succeed Stewart. The latter will be placed in command of the Indian Territory. Colonel Parker, of Grant's staff, is almost certain to be appointed Indian Commissioner.

Speaker Blaine expresses the opinion that the present session will not last over a month.

Boston.—A real prize fight, between two women, according to the rules of the prize ring, except that hair pulling and biting were allowed, occurred at Romewelle, Mass. early on Monday morning. The women were clad in gaiters, stockings and drawers only. After 21 rounds one begged her seconds in God's name to take her away.

Stearn's majority in the State of New Hampshire will probably be 4,000.

London, 9.—Mackey, the Fenian, is not released as reported.

Havana.—Telegrams from the City of Mexico to the 3rd, say that executions have become frequent in the country, and have created general public dismay. On the 1st of March Juarez forbid them, and ordered the officers to bring the prisoners to the Capital for trial. General Negrette has not been found. It is hinted that his defeat is not so complete as reported. Romero writes a friend that the Opposition, after fomenting the rebellion, now clamor for a change of ministry. The President heeds them not. Escobado has defeated the banditti in Tamanpilas.

San Francisco, 11.—Gen. Crittenden has been appointed Superintendent General of the recruiting division of the Pacific, vice Sewell. Gen. Devin is assigned to the command of the District of Arizona, with his headquarters at Camp McDowell.

The excitement about the White Pine mines is unabated; thousands of people are rushing thitherwards. Fifty-six companies have been organized in this city since the 1st of March to work mines in that vicinity.

New York.—Boutwell's appointment was received with much favor, and had

a buoyant effect on the national securities.

Baltimore.—Ex-President Johnson arrived in the city at 11 o'clock to-day; he was received by Governor Bowie, Mayor Banks and a number of the city officials. The procession was long and imposing, comprising a squadron of cavalry, two regiments of the State Militia, the Fire Department and a large number of citizens. The sidewalks, balconies and windows were crowded with spectators. The welcome was very cordial. During the afternoon Mr. Johnson held a reception at the Exchange; thousands called upon him.

Augusta, 11.—Both Houses of the Maine Legislature have ratified the 15th Amendment.

Philadelphia.—A house in the White Court fell to-day from bad construction; a woman and two children were killed and a man seriously injured.

Washington.—A delegation of the members of the Georgia Legislature, headed by Foster and Blodgett, waited upon the President to-day, setting forth their grievances and sufferings, and asking that the reconstruction acts be literally complied with. The President inquired what action the Legislature would probably take with regard to the 15th Amendment, and was answered that it would certainly pass it. General Grant expressed his gratification at the prospect of so easy a solution of the vexed question.

The crowd of visitors at the Executive Mansion was greater to-day than on any previous day since Grant's inauguration. Commissioner Delano has been completely over-run with visitors.

Brevet Brig. General George P. Shrie, paymaster, has been transferred to the District of San Francisco, and ordered to report there without delay. Holmes Eoffey has been appointed chief clerk of the Navy Department. The following names have also been sent in to-day: James Longstreet, receiver of Customs at New Orleans; James F. Casey, Collector of Customs, New Orleans; Sidney A. Stockdale, Collector of Internal Revenue in the first District of Louisiana; Edward V. Kingsley, of New York, Secretary of Legation, at Madrid; Alexander Sharpe, Marshal for the District of Columbia. Chief Engineer Jas. W. King will be chief of the Steam Engineering Bureau in place of Isherwood.

New York.—The board of Aldermen has adopted resolutions expressing their sympathy with Warren and Castello, Fenian prisoners, for their long and unjust imprisonment in Great Britain. They have appointed a Committee to welcome them on their return to their adopted country.

Chicago.—The *Post's* special says Grant has decided that Bancroft shall remain Minister to Prussia, Hale Minister to Spain, and March, Minister to Italy. Changes will be made in the Ministers to England, Russia, France and Portugal. Gov. Curtin's name was not sent in as Minister to Russia, as reported.

The Diplomatic Corps called on the President to-day; they were presented by Secretary Washburne. The interview was very agreeable. Baron Gerault, in behalf of the delegation, presented congratulations and hopes for the continuance of the friendly relations now existing. The President responded briefly, thanking the gentlemen for their kind wishes, and declaring that it should be his constant endeavor to maintain the present relations of peace and friendship.

President Grant, in reply to Washburne's letter of resignation, says he accepts it, but regrets that his health will not permit Washburne to continue in the Cabinet. He says—"Our personal relations, since the breaking out of the rebellion, have been such that no other idea presented itself stronger, on the first news of my election to the Presidency than that I should continue to have your advice and assistance." He concludes with expressions of continued confidence and hopes for the early restoration of Washburne's health.

Troy.—A fire, this morning, destroyed property to the amount of a hundred thousand dollars.

Harrisburg.—The State Senate has ratified the Fifteenth Amendment by a strict party vote.

New York.—District Attorney Courtney, has received instructions to proceed with the trial of Fullerton and Bellnap at the earliest possible moment.

McCormick, the reaper man, and General Dodge, late Congressman from Iowa, are the new directors chosen by the U. P. R. R.

The jury in the case of Louis Jacobs, colored, against the Atlantic Navigation Co., for refusing him a first-class passage, are unable to agree.