

WASHINGTON.

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WOMEN TO BE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Ex-Gov. Hartranft Nominated for Philadelphia Postmastership.

Senate Finance Committee Favor Tobacco Tax Reduction.

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING.

Special to the Cincinnati Commercial.
WASHINGTON, February 7.—It is likely that all expensive projects to form a National Board of Health here, with jurisdiction over the yellow fever, will fail. The General Government is becoming so burdened with bureaus of all sorts, and officers multiplied with fat pay and little to do, that strong opposition is developed among the members to anything of the sort.

FORCING BULLION TO NEW ORLEANS.

Special to the Cincinnati Commercial.
WASHINGTON, February 7.—Secretary Sherman today decided to buy no more silver bullion for the Philadelphia Mint, as there is a large stock on hand, and he finds it impossible to get any for New Orleans as long as he buys for Philadelphia, as transportation is so much higher to the former city. Therefore, he will force bullion to New Orleans by declining for the present to buy for Philadelphia. Eighteen thousand silver dollars were ordered today.

ARTHUR'S LETTERS

Special to the Cincinnati Commercial.
WASHINGTON, February 7.—Secretary Sherman remarked today to your correspondent that ex-Collector Arthur was welcome to publish all letters from him that he had, but he did not like to have them leak out in fragments through the closed doors of the Senate executive sessions. Senator Conkling said today that he had returned all letters read in executive session to Arthur. It is said by Arthur's friends that he has a large number of letters from prominent men, asking for places for favorites, and that he will give them all to the public.

SCHEME FOR "NEUTRALIZING" MORMONISM.

Special to the Cincinnati Commercial.
WASHINGTON, February 7.—Senator Windom made an able speech today on his plan for colonizing negroes from Southern States in Western Territories, where they can have protection and exercise their constitutional rights without interference. He particularly favored the introduction of negroes into Utah, which, he thought, would neutralize, if it did not entirely suppress Mormonism. Mr. Windom was listened to with careful attention, particularly by the Democratic Senators, and it is understood that Sen. Hill will reply to him.

NEW RIGHT TO WOMEN.

Special to the Cincinnati Commercial.
WASHINGTON, February 7.—Today the Senate, by a vote of forty to twenty, passed a resolution allowing women to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. Negative votes were mainly from the Democratic side. During the brief discussion, Mr. Sargent caused an audible smile by declaring that women should have the same right to make an honest living as lawyers. Conkling was conveniently absent during roll call, and coming in just after did not ask to have his vote recorded. The women say he dodged, fearing to face the momentous question.

EX GOVERNOR HARTTRANT'S NOMINATION

Special to the Cincinnati Commercial.
WASHINGTON, February 7.—The nomination of Hartranft to be Postmaster at Philadelphia, today, was a genuine surprise. The impulse to appoint him seems to have come on the President suddenly. He mentioned it to Judge Key in Cabinet today, and the Judge, who knows Hartranft, fell in with the idea, although doubtful whether the ex-Governor would accept. Judge Key says he had a conversation with Hartranft recently in Philadelphia, the latter remarking casually that he was poor, and now out of employment. Nothing was said of the post-office, however. While Governor of Pennsylvania his salary was \$10,000. It is commented on here as singular that one of Hayes' strong competitors for the Presidential nomination should now accept a post office at the hands of the former. Judge Key says the post-office business is growing in respectability. The general verdict among politicians is that it kills another Presidential candidate, as the party could not afford to go to a post-office for a President.

CAPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Hayes' Reception.

Special to the Cincinnati Commercial.
WASHINGTON, February 7.—At her public reception tomorrow, Mrs. Hayes will be assisted by Mrs. Justice Bradley and Mrs. Senator Bailey, of Tennessee.

Senator Ingalls

Says that charges of bribery in connection with his election originate with some men who attempted to defeat him by circulating slanders of similar character before his election, and who are employed by ex-Senator Pomeroy.

Logan Reception.

There have been three separate movements here for the purpose of arranging a reception for Senator Logan when he comes to Washington, but a meeting has been called for tomorrow at Willard's Hall to consolidate them.

South Carolina Frauds.

The Teller Committee today took a large amount of testimony as to Democratic frauds and terrorism in South Carolina, but bring out nothing but what was known by all intelligent persons.

Tobacco Tax Reduction.

The Senate Finance Committee, today, by a vote of 5 to 4, it was agreed to report in favor of reducing the tax on tobacco to sixteen cents, and snuff to twenty-four cents, being eight cents on each. Cigars are not changed. Representatives of the tobacco trade here are delighted, saying that the business will now have a chance for its life.

A well-informed Louisiana politician says the principal reason for removing Collector Smith, of New Orleans, was that the President became convinced that Smith was instrumental in defeating the Republican candidate for Congress in Acklen's district last November.

PENSION APPROPRIATIONS.

WASHINGTON, February 7.—General Rice, Chairman of the Committee on Pensions, has had several interviews with Commissioner Jenney as to the necessary legislation to carry out the provision of the Act of Pensions Act. Of course time will be required to examine claims presented and with the facilities at his disposal, the commissioner thinks no more than ten millions dollars will be required for claims adjusted during the coming year. The committee has informally considered and will probably report a bill appropriating that amount for the purpose. Should claims be more rapidly adjusted, provision for their payment can be made on the meeting of Congress in December.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

WASHINGTON, February 7.—An agricultural report, just issued, gives the average price of the cotton crop for the whole country at 4 1/2 cents a pound, value of crop for 1878, \$194,700,000. Average price of tobacco, 5 1/2-10c, total crop for 1878, estimated at 303,000,000 pounds, worth \$21,000,000. Horses have increased three per cent, but the price very materially decreased. Cows show an increase in nearly all the States, and sheep increased about five per cent. Prices for hogs are unusually low, while the increase is about five per cent. Mules increased about two per cent.

COMPLAINT AS TO TIN IMPORTATIONS

WASHINGTON, February 7.—Parties representing the iron and tin makers of the United States are here endeavoring to induce Congress to correct a most important misconstruction of the law regarding the importation of tinned iron plates. It is claimed that this misconstruction of the law has caused for many years an annual loss to the Government of about \$3,000,000, and has prevented the development of an industry in which, if protected the same as other branches of the iron trade, at

least forty thousand persons would ultimately obtain a livelihood, and through which about \$13,000,000 would be kept circulating at home which we send abroad annually. The tin-plate business represents an annual consumption of over 150,000 tons of pig iron and about 1,000,000 tons of coal, and about fifty rolling mills, with two turns each, are required to supply the demand for this article. The iron manufacturers believe that the development of tinned plate-making in the United States would tend quickly and powerfully to revive the whole business by creating a demand for the surplus product of pig iron, and that it would go far towards restoring prosperity to all interests, inasmuch as there can be no general prosperity while the iron trade is prostrated.

The iron and coal interests of Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and Illinois are represented here. It is not expected to accomplish anything during the present session, but it is thought that the subject will be taken up and settled satisfactorily early in the next session of Congress.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

FOUR PER CENT SUBSCRIPTIONS.

WASHINGTON, February 7.—Subscriptions to the four per cent loan since Saturday's report \$1,772,000.

TOBACCO TAX REDUCTION.

The Senate Finance Committee orders reported to the Senate the House bill amending the Internal Revenue laws. The committee—5 to 4—recommended concurrence in the House provisions reducing the tax on manufactured tobacco to sixteen cents per pound. The vote in detail was Yeas—Messrs. Jones, of Nevada, Bayard, Kernan, Wallace, and Voorhees—7. Nays—Messrs. Morrill, Dawson, Ferry, and Allison—4.

The committee fix the tax on snuff at twenty-four cents, and strike out all provisions relative to the tax on cigars, cheroots and cigarettes, thus leaving them subject to taxation at existing rates, and strike out the provision repealing the tax on matches and tobacco in the bonded warehouse classes.

The bill is further amended by the addition of a section to remit all taxes upon insolvent savings banks, and to exempt from taxation \$2,000 of each deposit made by one person or association in any savings institution.

NOMINATIONS.

WASHINGTON, February 7.—The President nominated Ephraim McMurtre, Collector of Customs, District of Minnesota; John F. Hartranft, Postmaster, Philadelphia; James Follen, Naval Officer, Philadelphia; A. Landon Snowden, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint; Martin Farley Knutson, Assistant Treasurer of the United States; Boston; and Thomas Stevenson, Collector of Internal Revenue, Fifteenth District of New York.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate confirmed Charles K. Graham, Surveyor of Customs, New York; Michael Field, Register of Land Office, St. Croix Falls, Wis.; Receivers of Public Money—James Stout, Boise City, Idaho; Joel P. Mason, St. Croix Falls, Wis. Postmasters—Kansas—Timothy McCarthy, Leonard; Salmon P. C. Stubbs, Meiburg; William H. Mitchell, Deloit, Herman J. Fringer, Dodge City; Alva Sheldon, Eldorado Illinois—Charles H. Ormsby, Atlanta; Jonathan K. Westfall, Bushnell, Minnesota—James Douglas, Moorhead.

SILVER DEMAND.

WASHINGTON, February 7.—The Secretary of the Treasury gives public notice that he has a sufficiency of silver bullion at Philadelphia for all present purposes, and that until further notice he will not receive bids for bullion delivered at that point, but that, commencing on Wednesday next and on each succeeding Wednesday, until the bidders are notified to the contrary, he will receive bids for silver bullion, deliverable at New Orleans and San Francisco. The Secretary is anxious to commence active operations at the New Orleans Mint, and has hopes that the Mexican bullion trade may at least in part be diverted to New Orleans.