ADAMS TO STEPHENS.

Among other mementoes of his long life Mr. Stephens particularly cherished the following poem by the great Massachusetts statesman, John Quincy Adams, which I lately copied from his album:

"Say, by what sympathetic charm,
What mystic magnet's secret sway,
Drawn by some unrelated arm
We come from regions far away!

From North and South, from East and West,
Here in the People's Hall we meet,
To exercise the high behest
In counsel and communion sweet

We meet as strangers in the hall
But with one task of duty met
We blend the common good of all
And melt the multitude in one.

As strangers in this hall we met;
But now in one united throng,
Whate'er of life awaits us yet,
In cordial friendship let us part."

H. R. U. S., 14th June, 1884.

—John Quincy Adams, of Quincy, Mass.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

The supreme sin is the suppression of light.

Most of our comforts grow up between crosses.

Men fear old age without being sure of reaching it.

We can refute assertions, but who can refute silence?

Some men have the key of knowledge, and never enter it.

An obstinate man does not hold opinions; they hold him.

It is a great point of wisdom to know how to estimate things.

He who waits to do a great deal at once will never do anything.

If slander be a snake, it is a winged one; it flies as well as it creeps.

Remembrance is the only paradise out of which we cannot be driven.

Job was not so miserable in his sufferings as happy in his patience.

Contempt is the animate expression of that is why courts are so wearisome.

Every time you avoid doing wrong you increase your inclination to do right.

Learn to say no! and it will be of more use to you than to be able to read Latin.

He who lives only to benefit himself confers upon the world a benefit when he dies.

A weak man will say more than he does, a strong man will do more than he says.

Nothing will so increase and strengthen the virtues as practice and experience in them.

Grace tried is better than grace; it is more than grace; it is glory in its infancy.

A man's own good breeding is the best security against other people's ill manners.

Let us not ever be driving on. The machinery, physical and mental, will not stand it.

It is a truth but too well known, that rashness attends youth, as prudence does old age.

In the worst of times there is more cause to complain of an evil heart than of an evil world.

Books serve to isolate man; that which is sold us by word or mouth is far more potent.

When you give to others give cheerfully. There is no blessing for an unwilling offering.

We are all within the circle of a great order, in which, before God, a thousand years is as one day.

Trials and sufferings are only to be regretted when they have proved too severe to be borne.

No civil propensity of the human heart is so powerful that it may not be subdued by discipline.

No degree of knowledge attainable by man is able to set him above the want of hourly assistance.

Fortunes made in no time are like shirts made in no time; it is ten to one if they hang long together.

Flowers sweeten the air, rejoice the eye, link us with nature and innocence, and are something to love.

Hope is nothing more than desire with a telescope, magnifying distant matters, overlooking near ones.

People who are habitually in a hurry have to be in a hurry twice over. The tortoise beats the hare at last.

Reliance is the essence of faith, Christ is the object, the word of God is the food, and the Spirit is the proof.

We ought not to be proud of well-doing, for the judgment of God is far different from the judgment of men.

The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, but the well-spring of wisdom as a flowing brook.

Common sense does not ask an impossible chess-board, but takes the one before it and plays the game.

It is a ruinous mis-judgment, too contemptible to be acted upon, that the end of poetry is publication.

The darkness of death is like the evening twilight, it makes all objects appear more lovely to the dying.

A feeble light in the pulpit is more out of place than in the pew. It is not position but power that gives light.

The discovery of what is true and the practice of what is good are the two most important objects of philosophy.

The true wonder of humanity is in moral elevation, sustained, enlightened and decorated by the intellect of man.

Never part without loving words to think of during your absence. It may be that you will not meet again in life.

It is not all advantageous to be in a great hurry. Multitudes, in their haste to get rich, are ruined every year

HISTORY OF A BANK OF ENGLAND NOTE.

—A note for £10,000 once hadta singular history. It was paid out to one of the directors of the bank, who soon after lost it under such circumstances that he was satisfied, and succeeded in satisfying others, that he had left it to fall into his fire-place and been destroyed. He was given a new note, but when he returned as a paper receipt, it had disappeared. Many years after the original note was presented for payment; the bank endeavored to disown it, but could not, for it was genuine, and in the hands of an innocent person, and the bank had to pay it. Its history was then looked into and it was ascertained that, instead of being burned, it had been carried up the chimney by a draught, and had found a safe lodgment in some cranny in the flue. Here it had remained, until alterations in the house had necessitated the removal of the chimney; then it was discovered by a workman who regarded it as a legitimate find and who presented it for payment.

COLD WATER DRINKING.—Cold bathe of the skin are good but it is doubtful if flooding the stomach on going to bed and on rising, is not on the whole, the most profitable form of cold water bathing. Costiveness, piles and indigestion are uniformly relieved by this morning and evening cold douche. The quantity must be determined by each one for himself. Two or three swallows will do to begin with, and the quantity will gradually grow to a tumbler full; and we have known persons to use much more with marked benefit. If wisely managed, every dyspeptic will be greatly improved by this cold stomach bath.—*Scottish American.*

In Japan it is the women who whistle and sit cross-legged and lie about the hard winters and summers of the past, and the men have to blush as they pass each other in the street.

A truth that one does not think and stand becomes an error

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

WASHINGTON.

PENSION OFFICE HELD

Of the temporary clerks in the Pension Office whose appointments expire this month, 250 will be reappointed and thirty will be discharged. There will be no further reappointments until April 1.

CENSUS CLERKS DISCHARGED.

Three hundred clerks have been dismissed from the census office. Further discharges will be made at the beginning of the next fiscal year, in order to keep the expenses within the appropriation.

A RULING BY THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Shellac was landed in Canada free out of American alcohol, imported in bond from the United States is to be subject to a duty on re-importation on a value not less than the value of alcohol and shellac in the markets of Canada.

IMPROVEMENT IN COURSE OF STUDY.

In directing Profs. Geo. L. Andrews and Samuel E. Tillman, of the United States Military academy, to visit Harvard, Yale and other American colleges, the Secretary of War desires a thorough inquiry made into the latest course of study and methods of instruction of the leading American universities and colleges. Speaking of the subject, Gen. Drum said: "This may be considered a new departure, but the world moves and we must keep abreast with the spirit of the age. It is desirable that West Point graduates should walk in the line which is commended and indorsed by the ripe experience of our leading institutions of learning."

ARMY AND NAVY ASSIGNMENT.

General Porter, late United States Consul at Valparaiso, who was sent by the State Department to Admiral Brown to investigate the circumstances attending the detention of the American ship Mary A. Cooper, has made a report to the Secretary of State. Gen. Foote found that the trouble grew out of the unfriendly standing between the captain of the ship and the American Consul, which led to a law suit, a long delay in the settlement of the matter, and a detained under civil process. The affair, however, did not involve any controversy with the authorities and through the mediation of Gen. Foote the difficulty was amicably adjusted and the vessel proceeded.

OUR HEALTH.

The failure to make appropriations for the national board of health may be held to the fact that it is now nearly one year old. It was not created the money instructed to it in a most extravagant manner, and the house was fully persuaded that the board had died long enough. Last summer the president used a part of the emergency fund through the marine hospital service, and it is said in official quarters that it was applied more economically and judiciously than it possibly could have been by any other agency. The national board of health doesn't like this, and will attempt to belittle and belie the efficacy of the marine hospital service when called on for aid from the \$100,000 through the marine hospital service.

NOT ENOUGH.

It is stated at the treasury department that the sum appropriated by congress (\$300,000) for the purchase of sites for public buildings, and public buildings under control of the department, including furniture for the new building, would be exhausted by \$1,000,000, which ought to be expended in the Philadelphia custom house and postoffice alone. In the new public buildings mentioned in the appropriation act is that at Albany.

NEW YORK.

A MASTER GARMENT.

Newark, N. J., has been selected as the place for holding the eleventh annual regatta of the National Association of amateur oarsmen, commencing Aug. 7 next.

ARTHUR IS WILLING.

The President has approved the promotion of Albert U. Wyman, assistant treasurer, to be treasurer of the United states vice Gilfillan resigned.

AN HONEST CONGRESSMAN.

Ex-Representative S. S. Cox, of New York, has returned to the treasury \$466 50, the amount overpaid him on account of salary and mileage as a member of the last For's seventh Congress.

THE NEW CHIEF.

It is understood that Secretary Folger has tendered the position of Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, vice Ludington, of Geneva, N. Y., at one time Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislature of that State, and that he has virtually accepted the appointment.

TO BE FILLED.

The provision in the last Army bill excluding from consideration for promotion all those retired list prescribed by law not to exceed 400, all officers retired under the law of last year because of having been found unfit for duty having served over forty years relieves the register rather to the extent of making fifteen vacancies, which will be filled at once by the retirement of distinguished officers.

OHIO.

SOME CHANGES.

More changes have been filed at the treasury department against Architect Hill. The nature of the charges has not yet been given out, but it is stated on good authority that they relate to certain contracts awarded for the new government building at Philadelphia.

FOR THE GARFIELD MEMORIAL.

O. W. Denny, consul-general of the United States at Shanghai, China, has forwarded to the State Department \$2,350 in United States gold coin, to be applied to the Garfield memorial hall fund. Three hundred dollars of this amount was collected by Mr. Denny among the friends of Denny, who in forwarding the subscriptions said that he would be more happy to send a thousand times as much. The balance of the amount was obtained from citizens of the United States residing in China, who have never had the opportunity to join in the subscription.

THE WORK OF THE ASSASSIN

Among the cases recently disposed of by the state department was the pardon of Charles Guiteau, who was tried in the District of Columbia for the murder of President Garfield. Guiteau was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. He appealed to the supreme court of the District of Columbia, which affirmed the judgment of the lower court. Application was then made to the President for executive clemency, and the pardon was granted.

TOM ARTHUR'S PAIR PLAY.

The state department has been informed that the Chinese government has ordered the immediate unpleasant for Americans residing in the Empire. The restrictions placed upon their business is such that new enterprises are almost impossible and old ones will suffer. The unfavorable legislation seems to be in the nature of retaliation.

WHISKY IMPORTATION.

The treasury department is informed that the shipment of whisky from out the country to prevent payment of tax before it required for consumption has grown to such an extent probably continue as long as there is more whisky to come out than can be consumed than there is demand. Some goes to Europe, some to Canada and some to other countries.

A QUARREL OF FAIRY.

In response to inquiries from the Collectors of Customs at various ports, the Secretary of the Treasury has instructed them that they should be assessed upon the full invoice value of the goods at the time and place of port of shipment, that is, the value, including charges, cost and commissions without regard to the provisions of section 2, act of June 30, 1864, which abolishes the duties on such charges.

A COURT MARTIAL ORDERED.

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