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THERE must have been a gentleman from "Illinois" at the closing of the General Assembly.

THE Mormon organs think President CLEVELAND went out of his way to allude to polygamy, and characterize it as the weakest portion of his address.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has begun the work of "retrenchment and reform" at headquarters; that is, he has begun at the White House and had notice given that after the 15th inst. one-half of the clerical force there will be discharged, not to give place for Democrats, but because Private Secretary LAMONTE thinks the work in the executive office can be more efficiently performed without them.

Mr. Manning was at his desk this morning at 8:30 o'clock. The President began work himself a few moments afterwards. The advantage of a good business man over a mere politician in the White House is shown in the fact that he has already so arranged his affairs that he has plenty of time for the consideration of important questions, and will not be worn out with bothersome details.

Mr. Carlisle called upon the President this morning about 11 o'clock. He said that he was surprised to find the President actually alone. He was with him for twenty minutes without being disturbed. Mr. Carlisle said that this freedom of the President was owing to his iron resolution not to receive seekers after mail offices, but to refer them to the departments. He congratulated the President upon his system and hoped that he would adhere to it.

"Why," said he, "if you were to admit all of these office-seekers what would be the effect of it? You would have your room full every day. You would listen to the claims of some man who wanted a post-office, and by the time that he should have taken a dozen steps away from you you would have forgotten his face and what he wanted. If he were to step back in line and come around again you would never know the difference. 'It has always seemed to me,'" said he, "that it was a needless and cruel waste of power upon the part of any President to give himself up to any such thing."

Mr. Cleveland said in reply that he had fully made up his mind to adhere to his present plan. He needed the time for the consideration of graver questions. It is probable that there will be a change in the office of the Architect of the Capitol, and that Gen. Rosecrans will be appointed to that position. It was a question with him in the last Congress whether he did not really prefer the chairmanship of the Committee upon Public Buildings and Grounds to that of the Military Committee which was finally given to him.

The President regards the organization of the departments of much more importance at the outset of his Administration than anything else. It is probable that he will delay the consideration of the foreign missions until the principal work in the departments is reorganized. This delay gave rise to an absurd report to-day that the President was in favor of abolishing the diplomatic service and that he might not make any appointments for some time. Whatever the President's personal views may be upon this subject it is safe to say that he contemplates no such absurdity as that.

A friend of Secretary Bayard said to-night he had no doubt that E. Sidney Webster had been offered the position of Assistant Secretary of State. Some of the local papers here speak of John Cadwallader as a possible selection. While Cadwallader knows something about the department, he is still a Republican. He is the same man who was Assistant Secretary of State under Hamilton Fish. It is said in the Interior Department that Mr. Lamar would appoint to the Assistant Secretaryship a friend by the name of Clark, from Oxford, Miss. Mr. Clark is a thoroughly equipped lawyer. If he is selected he will be able to take the burden of hearing most of the appeal cases off the hands of Mr. Lamar.

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