

AT THE CAPITOL

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE TO-DAY.

STRUBLE BITTERLY ATTACKS REED

Democratic Scheme to Prolong the Session Till October.

MR. BLAINE ACCUSED OF PLAGIARISM

His Reciprocity Plan Said to Have Been Originated by Senator Aldrich.

Other Congressional Matters.

In the Senate this morning Mr. Sherman offered a resolution for the daily meeting of the Senate at 10 a. m. The resolution went over until to-morrow.

The Tariff bill having been taken up the motion to reduce the rate on acetate acid (pending yesterday) was voted down by a strict party vote. A similar motion regarding boracic acid was also voted down.

Mr. Jones of Arkansas addressed the Senate in opposition to the bill.

In the House, The House passed a joint resolution extending to the 14th of August existing appropriations and laws for such expenditures as have not been provided for in bills passed.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Senate amendments to the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, the item under discussion being one appropriating \$25,000 for additional accommodation for the Government Printing Office.

Carville and Reed Contrasted. During the House debate Mr. Struble of Iowa made a bitter attack on Speaker Reed for his action toward gentlemen interested in public building bills. He spoke of the Speaker's manner as sneering, and contrasted it with the courteous manner of Mr. Carlisle when he was Speaker. He asked if the members would continue to submit like cowards to the Speaker's dictation, his remarks were applauded vigorously by the Democrats.

The Farmers' Alliance Charges. Mr. Oates of Alabama introduced in the House to-day a resolution, reciting the charges made by the Farmers' Alliance, that millions had been spent in lobbying the Silver bill through Congress and calling for an investigation.

Retiree of Anacostia Lodge. The Senate bill for the quieting of the title of Anacostia Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 21, to lots 345, 347 and 348 in Georgetown, was favorably reported to the House to-day by Mr. Atkinson from the District Committee.

Presidential Nominations. The President to-day sent to the Senate the following nominations: To be Collectors of Customs—George A. Curran of Maine, for the District of Passamaquoddy; Me. C. Wignin of Maine, for the District of Kennebec; Me. George W. Currier of Maine, for the District of York; Me. Charles O. Churchill of Massachusetts for the District of Plymouth, Mass.

Postmaster Wheat Assailed. House Postmaster Wheat yesterday evening had occasion to discharge one of the drivers of the mail wagons, a man named Catlett from West Virginia. The latter was very much incensed at the discharge, and Mr. Wheat was turned away unexpectedly struck him a heavy blow. Mr. Wheat declined to prosecute Catlett, as he afterward expressed regret at losing his temper and assailing the postmaster. Thereafter he decided to let the matter pass if a public official cannot discharge an employe without being liable to personal assault.

NEW DEMOCRATIC SCHEME. HOUSE DEMOCRATS ENGAGED IN AN EFFORT TO PROLONG THE SESSION. The Democrats of the House have developed a new plan. Like all great ideas it is a marvel of simplicity. It is simply to fight everything as it comes up in the House. In this way they hope to make this the longest session on record, preventing its adjournment before October.

The plan has been developed and tried during the discussion of the Civil Sundry bill. Every morning they have compelled the taking of the yeas and nays before the House could get into Committee of the Whole upon that bill. When in committee they demand a division and then tellers on pretty much every question.

In pursuance of this plan all the talkers—and they have some as long-winded as Senators—are to be utilized. All the Democratic members have been notified to prepare for a long session. Those who are anxious about returning are to be granted leaves of absence to fit their families. So far the scheme has worked admirably. Whether it will continue to work so smoothly now that the cat is out of the bag remains to be seen. It may be that Speaker Reed and his Committee on Rules will have something to say about it.

BLAINE AND ALDRICH. THE FORMER ADOPTS THE RECIPROCITY PLAN AND APPROPRIATES CREDIT. It is now claimed that what has come to be called the Blaine reciprocity plan is not Secretary Blaine's idea at all, but that he has no more claim to it than Senator Ingalls had to Massillon's sermon. Mr. Blaine's idea was and up to a very recent date remained in favor of a Pan-American Customs Union comprising the various republics of the Spanish American colonies and quarreling among themselves in this city last winter.

The truth appears to be that the reciprocity idea, embracing not only the nations to the south of us, but the Spanish American colonies as well, is Senator Aldrich's. Senator Aldrich has been working for some time on a reciprocity amendment to the Tariff bill, the basis being the free admission of such articles as are produced in this country at all or in sufficient quantities as sugar, cocoa, coffee, rubber, vanilla, shell, hides, skins and furs, and so on. He has the details of such articles as are produced in this country at all or in sufficient quantities as sugar, cocoa, coffee, rubber, vanilla, shell, hides, skins and furs, and so on.

Bar Harbor Senator Aldrich and Representative McKinley met him at the White House. They got in the Secretary's carriage and they rode a long conversation took place. Mr. Blaine argued forcibly in favor of his plan for a Pan-American Customs Union. He failed to convince either of his hearers. Mr. Aldrich then very indignantly disclosed to Mr. Blaine his broad and statesmanlike plan for reciprocity. Mr. Blaine listened patiently, but gave no sign of being convinced. On the contrary, he being both his hearers and McKinley when they read Mr. Blaine's letter to Senator Frye, in the language of the novelist, may be better imagined than described.

When Mr. Blaine went before the Ways and Means Committee he was opposed to including the Spanish American colonies in his scheme. This, too, in face of the fact that six years ago the Spanish Government negotiated with Mr. W. Foster, then our Minister to Spain, a favorable treaty of reciprocity. Spain wanted free admission to our markets for the sugar of Cuba and Porto Rico, in order that our primary duty being removed, she might lay a corresponding duty.

It was a clear case of one statesman stealing the thunder of another statesman. It is, perhaps, characteristic of Mr. Blaine and why only intensifies the belief of his critics and his admirers in his sharpness and smartness. But it will hardly elevate Mr. Blaine in the public estimation to find that he is so far from being that he is compelled to appropriate those who are not by means of a surreptitious, if not disreputable, trick. After all, how like Blaine!

ON A TOUR OF INSPECTION.

Secretary Tracy Goes on Cruise to the Eastern Waters.

New York, July 29.—The United States steamer Despatch left the Brooklyn Navy Yard this morning with Secretary of the Navy Tracy on board, bound upon an Eastern cruise. The Secretary was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Wilmington; his grand-daughter, Miss Alice Wilmington; Commodore Folger, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, and Lieutenant A. G. Paul. To report to the Secretary would be to visit New London, where he has in view the establishment of a fresh water storage basin, where the new iron and steel naval vessels could be taken for repairs, and without undue exposure to the salt water.

The Secretary says he will make a very careful examination of a natural fresh water basin, which he is informed is located just above the old Navy Yard at New London. He deems the construction of a fresh water basin for ships a matter of the greatest importance. After leaving New London he may sail direct for Portsmouth, N. H. Then, again, he might first visit Newport, R. I., where he hopes to witness the trial of a new Howell torpedo. At Portsmouth he will see about the reconstruction of the buildings which were burned down in the station last fall. He could not now say whether or not he would go to Bar Harbor to meet the vessels of the North Atlantic squadron.

He also informed the reporter that he has selected the Baltimore as the vessel to carry the remains of John Ericsson to Sweden, and she will sail some time in August. She will go to the Mediterranean from Sweden.

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ATTEMPTED TO KILL HIS ENEMY.

Andrew Jackson Stabbed in the Back and Seriously Injured.

Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock Andrew Jackson, colored, was on his way home on Seventh street, and when near R Street he was approached from behind by Edward Parker, another colored man, who stabbed him twice in the back with a knife. As Jackson turned to see who his cowardly assailant was he was stabbed the third time in the chest in close proximity to the heart. Not satisfied with the three dreadful cuts that he had administered, Parker deliberately picked up a brick and attempted to hit Jackson in the head with it, but missing the mark, he ran off and disappeared through the nearest alley.

Andrew Jackson fell to the sidewalk from the loss of blood, where he was found by passers by and taken to Brown's drug store, on the opposite corner. Immediately afterward Officer Hook placed the wounded man in a cab and drove him to the Freedmen's Hospital. Dr. Carey, who treated Jackson, pronounced his cuts of a very serious nature, and he fears that they may result in his death.

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ABOLISH HANNO'S HOUSEKEEPING.

Women Have No Voice Whatever in Its Management.

It is estimated that over six thousand persons are fed daily at his Domain Baginle Palace when the Sultan is there. One who is well informed gives a graphic picture of the Sultan's housekeeping. He admits that it is clear that there is great executive ability in the management of this enormous household, for there is scarcely ever a jar or a hitch, even under the impulse of the most arbitrary demands. Every different department is under the control of a person who is directly responsible for that, and he has a corps of servants and slaves under his orders. They obey him only, and he is subject to the Treasurer of the Household.

Women have no voice whatever in the management of anything in any department. Their sole occupation is to wait upon their respective masters, or to serve the Sultan in some specified capacity, and the labor about the palace is so subdivided that no one works very hard except the Lord High Chamberlain, who is Treasurer of the Household. The Chamberlain is most occupied in administering to the wants and caprices of the Sultan, and he is almost constant attendance upon him; so the Treasurer of the Household has the burden of the housekeeping on his burly shoulders. He has an organized force of buyers, who are each charged with the purchase of certain supplies for their individual departments, each having a list of articles and their quantities. One man is charged with the duty of supplying all the fish, and to furnish fish for at least 6,000 persons is no light task. The food for the Sultan is cooked by one man and his aids, and no others touch it. It is cooked in silver vessels, and when done each kettle is sealed by a slip of paper and a stamp, and this is broken in the presence of the Sultan by the High Chamberlain, who takes one spoonful of each separate kettle before the Sultan tastes it. This is to guard against poisoning. The food is always served up to the Sultan in the same vessels in which it was cooked, and these are often of gold, but when of baser metal the kettle is set into a rich colored leather holder, the handle of which is held by a slave while the Sultan eats. Each kettle represents a course, and is served with bread and a kind of pancake, which is held on a golden tray by another slave. The Sultan never eats at any other table, and always served up to the Sultan in the same vessels in which it was cooked, and these are often of gold, but when of baser metal the kettle is set into a rich colored leather holder, the handle of which is held by a slave while the Sultan eats. 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