

NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Cameron Testifies in the Silver Pool Investigation.

BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT.

Republican Senators Surprised at the Action of the Senate on the Cloture Resolution and Elections Bill—Action Taken by State Legislatures—Senator Hearst Improving in Health.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—In the silver pool investigation today Senator Cameron testified that he bought silver on margin in the early part of June, before the silver bill was passed by the Senate, and disposed of it before the bill became a law. He had no knowledge of any other Senator, Representative or official of the Government having any interest in the purchase of silver. Cameron said he bought the silver just as he would any other commodity, and gave the matter no thought. He never knew Owenby, and never talked with other Senators about the silver pool.

John Tanner of Illinois knew nothing of the silver pools or transactions except one dealing of his own. A correspondent of a Chicago paper, R. D. Bogart, was questioned relative to the statement made in his dispatch, he having said, among other things, that Congressman Flower was in the silver pool. He said he was repeating what was commonly said among the correspondents. He had no personal knowledge.

Dunnell, correspondent of the New York Times, was asked concerning the dispatch sent by him, saying in substance that if Payne and Dingley, members of the committee, had known of the relations regarding Cameron would be made that they would be reluctant to enter into the investigation. Dunnell said he got his information from a gentleman whom he thought had spoken the truth, and he would consult the person in question and see if he would consent to give his name to the committee. Dunnell had no personal knowledge regarding the silver pool.

Congressman Flower took the stand. He said he never bought a dollar's worth of silver nor certificates in his life, and had no knowledge of the pool.

BELIEVES POOLS EXIST.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—J. W. Hodenbeg, of this city, who names himself as the Silver Pool Investigator, committee lately, said to-day that he will testify before the committee on Saturday. In an interview he says he has no personal knowledge of the silver pool, but believed such pools have existed and still may exist. When he was dealing in silver bullion certificates he sought to learn of the existence of such pools, believing that the parties connected with them would have reliable information regarding facts which might convince them. He was unable to open communication with such parties, however.

Hodenbeg said to his mind the evidence that partisan influences controlled silver legislation is strong and conclusive.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT. Business Transacted Before the Higher Tribunal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The Supreme Court to-day rendered an opinion directing that the cases of C. E. Cook and six others, convicted in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas for murder committed in "No Man's Land," be remanded, with instructions to grant a new trial. The Attorney-General admitted that the ruling of the Judge at the trial was erroneous, and he asked for a reversal of the action of the court was based. The court, however, decided against the prisoners on the other points in issue. The Supreme Court has also granted a decision reversing the judgment of the Circuit Court awarding the Central Pacific Railroad \$195,822 in its suit against the United States for the right of way which the case turned was whether or not, under the Thurman Act, in computing the net earnings of the company there should be deducted the sinking fund expenses incurred not for running the road and for repairs, but for betterments and improvements, whereby the permanent value of the road was increased. The court holds that these expenses, under the terms of the Thurman Act, be taken out of the net earnings, and says the language of the Act seems to include any charges for improvements being taken out of the gross receipts before deciding the amount the Government shall retain for the sinking fund. A motion was made to-day in the Supreme Court by Solicitor-General Taft to advance for argument about fifty-seven cases here from the United States Circuit Court for the Northern District of California.

The United States Supreme Court to-day announced some important changes in its rules designed to meet cases brought before the court, principally for the purpose of delay. The changes are framed especially to meet habeas corpus cases, and the result of proceedings recently had in the Jugo election case. The most important change is the requirement that all appeals, writs of error and citations, unless specially ordered otherwise, be made returnable to the Supreme Court within not exceeding thirty days from the date of the decision of the lower court, unless the record and case is docketed within the specified time, the case must be dismissed by the court, if in session, and by the clerk during the vacation time.

REPUBLICANS SURPRISED. They Were Not Prepared for the Action Taken by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Senator Aldrich and most of the Republican Senators to-day were completely surprised at the action of the Senate in laying aside the cloture resolution and taking up the apportionment bill. There was no expectation of any important vote, and one Republican Senator was absent attending to department business when the vote was taken, and it was with difficulty that a pair was arranged for him. Senator Stanford was absent and unpaired. The future course of events depends largely upon him, as Aldrich says if Stanford agrees to support the rule he will ask the Senate to resume its consideration immediately. The Post says that Senators Aldrich and Stewart, whose statements in reference to Senator Stanford's position, are radically different, left this evening for New York to see Sanford. The Post says the general belief that the capital is to be closed resolution and elections bill have both received their death blow.

EFFECT OF THE BILL ON THE WORLD'S FAIR.

ALBANY, Jan. 26.—A resolution was introduced in the General Assembly to-day providing that if the elections bill is passed by Congress New York will make no appropriation for nor take any part in the World's Fair.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 26.—The House to-day, after a long and vigorous debate, adopted a resolution to the effect that the passage of the elections bill would render the World's Fair a sectional affair, and if the measure becomes a law, no appropriation should be made by Indiana. The Democratic members of the Senate caucused on the matter to-night, and a motion to make the resolution a party measure was defeated by the vote of the Chairman. As there was not a full attendance, another caucus will be held to-morrow.

MADISON (Wis.), Jan. 26.—A story is current here in political circles that a combination has been entered into between Democratic members of the Legislatures of Wisconsin, Indiana and other States where the Democrats are in the majority, to adopt the tactics of some of the Southern Legislatures, and oppose legislation in the form of appropriations if the elections bill passes.

CHARLESTON (W. Va.), Jan. 26.—The House to-day, after an arduous discussion, by a vote of 20 to 29 a resolution that in the event of the passage of the Federal elections bill the State would make no World's Fair appropriation. Senator Blair, the World's Fair Commissioner, is making a vigorous fight against it in the Senate.

Senator Hearst Improving. WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Senator Hearst is better to-night. The symptoms of blood poisoning which were manifest a day or two ago have disappeared, and Dr. Ward, who has been in constant attendance, will return to New York this evening.

3 A. M.—No change reported from Senator Hearst's residence. He was sleeping quietly.

The Behring Sea Case. WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The Behring Sea case did not come up in the Supreme Court to-day, for the reason that the case under argument Friday was not yet disposed of. The court will probably be needed to conclude the argument. The Behring Sea matter, therefore, goes over until to-morrow. The court was filled with disappointed spectators who are disappointed at the failure of the case to come up.

Bill to Compensate Crow Indians. WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The President has signed the bill to compensate the Crow Indians, of South Dakota, for losses sustained in receiving less land per capita in the allotment than was received by the Indians occupying other diminished reservations.

Raum Investigation. WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—J. D. Ferguson, the National Bank Examiner, was called to the stand by the Raum Investigation Committee, but aside from securing information already made public with regard to the investigation by Ferguson and held by the National Bank, no facts were elicited.

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