FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

First Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—SENATE.—Senator Chet Lindsay (Ky.) appeared Tuesday morning and was sworn in by the vice-president. The senate held a night session, the first this session, and endeavored to pass the sundry civil appropriation bill. The work of the session is far in arrears, and it is feared an extra session will be necessary.

HOUSE.—Representative Butler, of Iowa, who has gained considerable renown during this session through his efforts to have the pony adopted as the national flower, and his bill to change the arrangement of the stars in the flag, Tuesday introduced two bills. One proposes to amend the great seal of the United States so as to work into the seal the prairie pony. The second bill is to establish a new symbolical figure of American constitutional liberty. Mr. Butler wishes to see the American goddess of liberty clothed in the costume of the period. The house held an all-night session, but owing to filibustering accomplished nothing.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—SENATE.—At its executive session Wednesday, the senate had under consideration the Hawaiian treaty. There were few speeches made, but correspondence was read showing the condition of affairs there, and also letters to prove that the queen, who was deposed, is innocent, and so grossly so that she is unfit for the sovereignty. The senate passed the sundry civil bill with the Sherman amendment attached to it, and it will soon be in the house. It is not likely that there will be much more legislation in this session differ from that involved in the appropriation bills.

HOUSE.—The house was in session from 11 o'clock Tuesday until after 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. The gas coupler bill was under consideration. The bill provides that railway companies engaged in the interstate commerce shall equip their freight cars with automatic couplers, which shall be of uniform application and which shall make it unnecessary for men to go between cars to couple. The question in the house is on concurrence in senate amendments, the principal one of which is an extension of the time in which the railway companies shall be required to make the change to January 1, 1898.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—SENATE.—Good progress was made in the senate Thursday in disposing of the absolutely necessary work of congress. Within less than an hour one of the general appropriation bills—the diplomatic and consular, and the military academy—were considered and passed, and then the legislative, executive, and judiciary appropriation bill, which appropriates about $50,000,000, was taken up and occupied the rest of the afternoon and journment. All the amendments that were reported from the committee during past days, except as to a few reserved for discussion and action Friday.

HOUSE.—The anti-option bill was set back three days as it was Friday Wednesday by reason of a collision with a special rule providing for the Indian appropriation bill. It was taken up and with Mr. Hatch in charge of the measure of the whole, was made by the opposition to the Washburn bill to do nothing until the end of the day's session. As the sundry civil bill will be ready for consideration Saturday, it will compete with the anti-option bill for the right of way.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—SENATE.—Senator Dixon, of Rhode Island, Friday, chronically reported from the committee on post offices and post roads his amendments to the post office appropriation bill, which propose to pay to letter carriers in cities where free delivery has been established, for the first year $600, second year $800, third year $900, and fourth year and thereafter $1,000. The senate worked upon the legislative appropriation bill and made good progress.

HOUSE.—Mr. Hartzer introduced in the house Friday a bill to provide for the free coinage of silver and gold at the present ratio and upon equal terms. It is in the form of an amendment to the purchase of silver law, for the government, shall cease, and that the mints shall be opened to the coinage of both metals upon the same terms as existed prior to 1873, provided, however, that all silver and gold coined, bullion for the account of owners shall not have any legal-tender function, and shall be stamped "one dollar," "five dollars," etc., shall be stamped "two dollars," "fifty cents," etc. Nearly the entire day was spent upon the Indian appropriation bill, a measure in which so little general interest was shown that a quorum was only obtained with difficulty.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—SENATE.—The Hawaiian treaty, it is thought, is dead for the session. This is substantially conceded even by its friends. The action of the senate Saturday in refusing to go into executive session, though that action doubtless had some reference to the Hatch-Blount anti-option amendment, was also accepted as a conclusive indication that the treaty would be shelved for the balance of the session. After four hours spent in discussing various amendments of little importance to the legislative appropriation bill, the senate passed the bill, insisted on its amendment, and requested a conference with the house on the disagreeing votes.

HOUSE.—The Sherman amendment authorizing the secretary of the treasury to sell fifty millions of bonds bearing three per cent interest and redeemable in two years, for the purpose of providing for and maintaining the redemption of United States notes, according to the provisions of the act of January 14, 1875, which was added to the sundry civil bill in the senate came up in the house Saturday and was briefly discussed. No action was taken.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—SENATE.—The pension appropriation bill was passed by the senate Monday without any amendments. It appropriates for army and navy pensioners, including widows and minor children, $156,000,000, and about a million dollars more than the house for fees of examining surgeons, about $1,000,000 for pension agencies, and other things. Senator Colquitt, of Georgia, made his valedictory in the senate chamber Monday for the first time this session, and it was the most pathetic attached on the part of his colleagues. The day closed with the reading of eulogies upon the late Senator Kenna of West Virginia.

HOUSE.—Representative Owen, Democrat, Illinois, Monday introduced a bill for the "celebration of the polar regions." The bill recites that the achievement of Christopher Columbus has been suitably commemorated by the World's Columbian exposition at Chicago. In order to continue the work of exploration that Columbus began, the bill provides that an annual appropriation of $100,000 for "an active, vigorous and well-sustained prosecution of exploration in the polar regions of the earth over and above to men." The work is to be continued by the government until the exploration of the polar region is complete. The senate still stands for concurrence in the senate amendments. The amendments were then on a division concurred in by a vote of 230 to 11.

Destitution Among Cotton Operators.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Great suffering exists in Oldham owing to the struggle existing between the cotton spinners and the operatives. The idle number fully 24,000. Thousands of these are destitute of food and fuel and starvation stares hundreds in the face. Oldham has not seen such misery since the time of the American war when the scarcity of cotton caused thousands of Lancashire operatives to be thrown out of employment.

Revenue Cutter Sinks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The Brooklyn annex boat No. 3 ran into the United States revenue cutter Washington at the foot of Whitehall street Monday morning. The annex boat struck the Washington broadside on. The cutter was able to reach her dock, where she sank ten minutes later.

In Favor of Gladstone's Bill.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—At a special meeting of the municipal council of the Irish National league, at Irishith hall, to consider Mr. Gladstone's home rule bill, a resolution was passed urging the adoption of the measure.

Cholera in Southern Russia.

ODESSA, Feb. 28.—Cholera has once more appeared in southern Russia and is causing much uneasiness. The physicians here are making preparations for fighting the dread disease this year and opinions are expressed that it will be even more severe and widespread than last year.

A Young Woman's Rash Act.

ZANESVILLE, O., Feb. 28.—Miss Lillie Tames, aged 18, of Fultonham, tried to commit suicide by hanging, but was cut now and resuscitated. Four members of her family have taken their lives in as many years.

A RESIDENT of Kansas City, Mo., who took out a license for a dog under the name of Christopher Columbus, was much surprised to find the number he was stamped on the license.

THE sultan of Turkey is said to have 300 wives, the king of Dahomey 250, the shah of Persia 80, the king of Siam 60, the king of Ashantee 3,000 and the emperor of Morocco about 600.

A PERSON who has totally lost the sense of hearing in one ear, although he may imagine that the defect is of little consequence, can not locate the direction of a sound, even when the cause of disturbance is quite near him.

Following Instructions.

"Now," said the editor of the Quohosh Genius of Liberty to his reporter, "in your work I shall look for a calm, dispassionate statement of fact. My paper is noted for its veracity, and no exaggeration is allowed on any subject. Do you think you understand that clearly?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then you may attend the Skimgullet-Dumsquizzle wedding, which takes place at noon to-day, and I'll see how you handle it," said the editor, turning to his desk.

This is what the new reporter handed in after the festivities were over:

"It is the custom of most newspapers, in giving accounts of local weddings, to speak of the bride as beautiful, even if she is as ugly as a mud fence. The Genius of Liberty scorns such flattery, however. If a woman is beautiful, we hesitate not to say so, but if she is not, it is not our fault. We proclaim the fact. We wish we could say that Miss Melinda Dumsquizzle, who became Mrs. Dennis Skimgullet at noon to-day, was lovely in form and feature, but we cannot. While we have seen uglier girls, it must be conceded by all impartial observers that brick-dust hair and a multitude of freckles do not look well on a bride. However, she did the best she could under the circumstances in wearing a tolerably thick veil, and rigged out as she was, in a dress of cream satin, looked quite presentable at a distance. Hardly so much can be said of her husband, who walked with a limp, and whose sparsely settled chin whiskers of a pale dun-color would have improved his appearance if they had been shaven off. We ascertained by careful inquiry that Skimgullet is old enough to be his wife's father, and has in point of fact, committed the offence of matrimony twice before. Some say that both his former wives were starved to death; others, that he worked them to death. Which is correct, the Genius of Liberty does not pretend to say. The statements are given for what they may be worth. What Miss Dumsquizzle saw in him to marry is a mystery, unless she thought she would be more successful than her predecessors in getting hold of the money which he is said to keep buried somewhere on his farm. We heard it said that her father owed Skimgullet $135, and that the latter threatened to have him arrested on a charge of forgery if he did not get Melinda to marry him; but this statement has not been verified yet. The presents were not very numerous, and the most expensive one that we saw was a peachblow vase worth a dollar at retail. The couple left on the accommodation for a bridal tour of two days to Podunk. We asked the Rev. X. E. Getteks how much the groom gave him for tying the knot, and he said seventy-five cents. This, therefore, can be relied upon as official."

"Young man," said the editor, after reading the reporter's account, "you are far too high a genius to bury your talent in a small place like Quohosh. I would like to keep you, but I am sure that would be doing you an injustice. I think you had better go to New York, where your talents will be appreciated as they deserve. And, by the way, when you go to the station to buy your ticket, avoid making the fatal mistake of buying a return ticket. We are fond of you, but not so very fond that sickness could fail to increase it."—W. H. SIVITER, in the Editor's Drawer, in Harper's Magazine for March.

The Blessings of Interruptions.

Probably no complaint is oftener heard from busy men well on in life than that of interruptions, the hundred little things that daily take them away, apparently, from their occupations or purposes. It might be inferred from their complaints that half the lives of most people was literally wasted in these little distractions. There is no doubt that daily diverting calls do hinder a man from accomplishing work he has in hand, but it is not demonstrated that these interruptions are not the best thing for him and for the world. It could be proved that no man ever accomplished anything in the world who was not very much interrupted, and it is evident that no man is of much account who is not liable to these annoyances. The value of a man in himself or to the community is pretty accurately gauged by the demands made upon his time. It could be shown that if what he is attempting to do is useless, the world will not interrupt him. It has little need of that sort of man. And probably, also, he is fulfilling his destiny, and being of the greatest service he can be in this life, in attending to these ten thousand calls which seem to interfere with his plan. As a man gets on into the thick of life, he can less and less command his time, and he is apt to grumble more and more at the waste of his powers. The chance is that these interruptions are his salvation. It is not only that diversity of interests is essential to his mental and physical health, but these only can bring out his full powers. The man interrupted a great deal is very much in contact with all sorts of life, and presently he gets a good many of his facets polished up that can reflect it. He lives vividly in a hundred ways instead of vegetating in one. And besides, the world has reason to thank God that the intentions of many men are frustrated, and that they have not time to do all the evil or the good they intend. Give almost any man rope enough, and he will hang himself. It is the interruptions that not only keep him from moral suicide, but keep him fresh.

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