

GAVE AWAY A SNAP

Congressman Dingley Works Off a Little Sarcasm.

DEMOCRATS DODGE THE ISSUE

Hill Reverses His Plan—Other States to Hold Late Conventions—He Will Swing Around the Circle.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—In the house today Representative Dingley of Maine, presented for reference the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Certain gentlemen who have assumed charge of the democratic party have determined that in order to avoid raising a direct issue in the principles which separate the republican and the democratic parties in the approaching presidential election, it is necessary to make the people believe that there is a question at issue between the two parties as to whether the appropriations and expenditures for the government shall be needlessly and wastefully and extravagantly increased...

Resolved, That in order to further this plan of campaign it is inexpedient to provide for the construction of any of the numerous public buildings which this congress intends to authorize until the second session, after the presidential election shall have been decided and the necessity which, as the democratic members think, exists for pressing the false issue of economy, in lieu of the real issue of principle which shall divide parties, shall have passed away.

Hill Wants Late Conventions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Hill is now reversing the movement of his early convention machine, and is bringing pressure to bear on other states to hold late conventions. It is believed his plan is to try to capture the convention called by Cleveland's friends in New York and to turn it over to his own support.

Burned the Mail Cars.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 27.—The United States Express company's depot near Baymiller street caught fire tonight from some unknown cause. One Lak Shore and one Michigan Central mail car were entirely consumed. Several passenger, baggage and freight cars were damaged. The amount of mail and express matter burned is unknown as the cars were loading at the time. The loss will exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

Increase in Wool Product.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Official figures show that the total increase in sheep in this country is 1,519,279. Expert estimates from these figures show that the total yield of the United States in 1892 is 316,663,731 pounds, or estimating the shrinkage of pulled wool at 10 per cent, a scoured yield of 141,096,937 pounds. This is an increase of 12,652,234 pounds in the grease, or 6,000,000 pounds scoured.

Appeals to the Citizens.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 27.—Tonight there is a full in the street car situation, while both sides are preparing for a big struggle on Monday. The mayor has issued a proclamation asking for volunteers from the public and another effort will be made to run cars. There is not the slightest prospect of a settlement.

New Chloride of Gold Cure.

TRON, N. Y., Feb. 27.—The Fisk Improved Chloride of Gold company, of this city, will be incorporated within a week, with a capital of \$100,000. The company has purchased from Dr. E. J. Fisk his cure for drunkenness.

Hurled Into the Flames.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 27.—Fire at Forest, Ohio, this morning destroyed the Scott house and the building adjoining. William Woodside, son of the proprietor, was struck by a falling timber and was knocked into the flames and burned to death. Loss, \$10,000.

Snowslide in Colorado.

DENVER, Feb. 27.—A terrible snowslide came down the mountain side and completely covered the Hugo mine near Ouray, Colo., last night. W. Cameron was instantly killed and the buildings at the mine were destroyed. A party is digging for Cameron's body.

Burned an Indian School.

LYONS, Neb., Feb. 27.—The government Indian school at Winnebago agency burned this morning with all its contents. The children lose all their books and clothing. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary. Loss, \$25,000; partially insured.

Shot His Mistress.

EVANS, Colo., Feb. 27.—John Seger shot Mrs. Eifers today and then shot and killed himself. Jealousy was the cause. Seger has been keeping the woman, who he claimed has been too intimate with other men. The woman is dying.

Jay Gould Improving.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Members of Jay Gould's family report that the financier is much better this morning. As soon as he is able he will go to Texas, near El Paso, and rest for two or three weeks.

Failed for \$100,000.

MONTREAL, Feb. 27.—R. Henry Holland & Co., wholesale dealers in fancy goods have made an abandonment of their estate. Liabilities \$100,000.

Simply Ridiculous.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Chief Justice Fuller says that the report that he is to resign is simply ridiculous and has no foundation whatever.

MAIL TO THE SOUTH

Postmaster General Wanamaker Wants Quicker Service.

UNEQUAL COST OF DELIVERY

The Most Serious Obstacle in the Way of Fast Mails—Plan for the Rural Free Delivery.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The postmaster general has replied to the inquiry of James H. Henderson, chairman of committee on postoffices and post roads, regarding the appropriations for special mail facilities. After giving in detail the amounts paid for this service since 1879, the total being \$2,919,733, the postmaster general says:

"The practice of compensating a few railroads upon a higher basis than others rendering the same or more satisfactory service, has been the source of much annoyance, which each year becomes more perplexing to the department and hurtful to the service, because it acts as a check to the extension of the fast mail system in sections where it would work great benefits. Referring to the service in 1880, Postmaster-General Dickinson said that the appropriation for special facilities ought to be made large enough to be applied all over the country, or that it should be cut off altogether."

Continuing, Mr. Wanamaker says:

"The only reason I can give for the continuance of the special mail facilities is that each year the railroads have urged its retention for a little while longer, and it may be that intimations have been given that discontinuance would be followed by the adoption of arbitrary train schedules that would disarrange the mail service. The mail service between the chain of northern cities starting in New England and extending via Washington into those portions of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, as an tributary to the coast line, is such as the nature of developments of trade and population, associated with railroad progress, warrants. The growth of the country and the commercial interests of large communities have become such that without subsidy the railroad interests should not hesitate to respond to any reasonable schedule the postoffice department may request."

Free Delivery in the Country.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Mr. Henderson of North Carolina, chairman of the house committee on postoffices and post roads, is in receipt of many suggestions from persons in different sections of the country in regard to the establishment of a free delivery system in rural districts. The committee has already granted hearings to persons interested in the matter, and some claim that the small amounts heretofore appropriated for experimental purposes have been expended in testing the system in villages. One interested in the work has written to Chairman Henderson to the effect that if congress would appropriate \$1,000,000 for the free delivery of mails in the rural districts in twelve months the service would not only become self-supporting, but would become a source of revenue to the government. "I wish I thought it would," said Mr. Henderson, discussing the matter. "Any new branch in the government service that would add to the revenue, or even become self-supporting, will receive my hearty support."

Elections by Popular Vote.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The subcommittee of the house committee on election of president and vice-president, etc., reported favorably with some amendments, the resolution of Mr. Crane substituting December 31 for March 4, as the commencement and termination of the official terms of senators and representatives in congress, and providing that the annual meeting of congress shall be held on the first Monday in January; and also substituting the 20th of March as the date of commencement and limitation of term of president and vice-president. The full committee will hold a special meeting Wednesday next to consider the resolution. The committee will endeavor to have an early day appointed for the consideration of the Chapman resolution in regard to the election of United States senators by the people.

Will Fight Free Lumber.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Representative Burrows, member of the ways and means committee from Michigan, is against the free lumber proposition, and he says that if the Chicago lumbermen, when they come here next week, will call on him he will not only be glad to see them, but may be of some assistance to them. "I know that the democrats are confident of passing the bill," he added, "but democrats always rush toward anything that snatches of free trade, and they sometimes get left. The bill has not yet been reported, but it may be very soon, and now is the time to organize against it."

Eight Months in Prison.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 27.—David Hastings, ex-market clerk of the Allegheny City market, recently convicted of the embezzlement of \$2,314.34 of the city funds, was this morning sentenced to pay a fine of six cents and to undergo eight months' imprisonment in the county jail. Thursday a large number of Allegheny City's most prominent citizens testified to Mr. Hastings' good character and a few hours later his friends deposited with the city treasurer the full amount of Hastings' shortage.

Too Obstinate to Talk.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—A committee representing the labor organizations of Indianapolis arrived today for the purpose of seeing the directors of the street railway, and tried to induce them to insist on President Frenzel's talking over the matter with representative citizens. The whole trouble lies with Frenzel, who looks himself into a refusal to talk. The directors refused to call a meeting to discuss the subject and are determined to sustain Frenzel.

Dismantled at Sea.

GLoucester, Mass., Feb. 27.—The four-masted ship Inventiossca, from Philadelphia for Calcutta, has been spoken with cable torn and hanging to masts, boats gone.

Garza's Relatives Arrested.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 27.—Antonio Garza's father-in-law of Catarina Garza, the revolutionary leader, arrived here this morning from his ranch in Mexico county. He was accompanied by Thomas Garza, brother of the revolutionary leader. Both were immediately placed under arrest. They are charged with violation of the United States neutrality laws.

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