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One consolation is that the next congress cannot leave much more undone.

The law-makers who beat the union label bill may expect to be labeled, just the same.

Just to think, because of other engagements Boss Ruef will miss the big show in 1915!

The mobilizing of 22,000 soldiers on the Mexican border ought to give those soldiers of fortune a cue.

His enemies are trying to dub Lafayette Young the humorist of congress. It is taking an unfair advantage.

Mr. Bryan has come out of his shell far enough to admit coyly, that Governor Harmon is not quite his ideal for President.

A San Francisco man wrote a check on the back of a postage stamp and it was cashed at the bank. Well, it ought to stick.

One question congress has left unanswered. Who is the best single-handed "hibusterer," Congressman Mann or Senator Owen?

In view of Joe Bailey's recent performance, it is manifestly incorrect to refer to Luke Lea of Tennessee as the "baby of the senate."

Senator Carter and his whiskers retire, but Senator Kern brings his in and the new-comer has a mustache which the old senator lacked.

And some people were foolish enough to think that that anti-lobby law would put an end to legislative lobbying in Nebraska forever.

Even though its senator is below par, Chicago's interests ought not suffer so long as it contributes three members to the president's cabinet.

These mild Marches are all right, but one feels irresistibly a constant fear that he is about to be jobbed by the weather man almost any minute.

The New York Sun thinks Joe Bailey would make a great actor for the heavy in a melodrama. Yes, or Marks, the lawyer, in "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

On the occasion of his golden wedding anniversary Adolphus Busch presented Mrs. Busch with a diadem said to have cost \$200,000. Oh, you Budweiser.

Elinor Glynn, just back from Europe, claims that the American men are just the finest fellows in the world. What is it you want to sell this time, Elinor?

The only sure way to keep jokers out of the charter bills handed over to the tender mercies of our Douglas delegation is to keep a guard on watch all the time.

About a dozen towns and cities in Illinois have had mass meetings where Senators Cullom and Lorimer have been requested to resign. Let us see if these statesmen will heed the voice of the people.

WORTH READING AND HEEDING.

The following sermonette, from the Toledo Democrat, ought to be reproduced in every paper in the United States and made the daily "Bible" readings of each of several millions of parents in this country.

It is just as well to begin looking after that boy now. It is so much easier to keep him home and train him into habits of home study now while he is small than to wait until he has crossed his teens.

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ELECTRIC POWER CARRIED FAR.

"Restrictive laws are not always advantageous," said George Westinghouse to the Southern Commercial Congress at Atlanta. "Had the legislation sought for, in the 80s, by the opponents of the alternating current system been secured and enforced, the influence of electricity in the development of the south and of the nation would be too unimportant to entitle it to consideration now."

"A result of the development of the alternating current is that power is now successfully transmitted over distances of two hundred miles or more. Thus water power in almost inaccessible places awaits only the coming of engineers and of capital to be made available for industrial purposes."

"It is estimated by those who have made a study of the sources of water power of the Appalachian mountains, that there can ultimately be developed from 5,000,000 to 7,000,000 horse power during the dry season of the year, and a much larger quantity at other times. This great water power is brought by nature to your mountains and hills in widely varying quantities and will continue indefinitely; but the maximum and minimum flow of the waters of your rivers can be affected by the works of man and by a wise conservation of your forests."

TAXPAYERS NOT ALERT.

Des Moines Tribune: Although the school board is spending nearly as much as the city council of the city's money, and although the school levy has gone up in recent years many mills there will be but little interest today in the school election and the tax paying public will give but little heed to what is asked or what is done with the money.

This bespeaks a confidence in the members of the school board which is in the main deserved. It also bespeaks want of a proper sense of proportion on the part of the average citizen, who gives his attention in about the degree that there is political excitement.

It would not do to say that too much attention is given to municipal affairs. But it is proper to say that altogether too little attention is given to county and school affairs, which together amount to much more to the community in dollars and cents.

It is reported to The Evening Tribune, and we are now looking the matter up, that \$150,000 of county bridges have been built recently without opening contracts to bids.

Good government is the possession of an alert and wide-awake people. None others have it, no matter what their system may be.

DOLLIVER.

Harper's Weekly: The Sixty-first congress lost by death an extraordinary number of its members, both senators and representatives. Its concluding short session was swamped from the beginning with important public business. But it adhered to the custom by which, when a member of either house has died, both houses take the time to listen to eulogies of his career.

The house of representatives has got in the habit of devoting Sunday afternoon to this observance, and the senate would do well to adopt the practice. It would tend to make what is said and done on these occasions seem less hurried and perfunctory. That was the character of the proceedings more than once during the short session. Moreover, the great majority of the eulogies pronounced are stilted and lifeless, about as moving as Washington statuary, and in the same taste.

Some of the tributes to Dolliver of Iowa were different. They were not perfunctory; they showed real feeling; they even reflected something of the dead orator's real human character, instead of attributing to him an impossibly wooden embodiment of copy book moralities. They all reflected the powerful impression he had so recently made on congress and the country. Champ Clark, who spoke rather better than anybody else, declared that while Dolliver had always been an orator, it was only in the last two years of his life that he suddenly became a debater and rose to high rank in that role.

But the change was bigger than that. Dolliver had for some years been known to congress and the middle west, and a little to the country, as one of the best Republican speakers. In the special session of 1909 he suddenly stepped out into the view of the nation as leader of a movement, orator of a principle, champion of a cause. Fine gifts, a wholesome, big personality and the self training of a lifetime enabled him to keep to the end the place he then assumed. And the movement he led swiftly took on extraordinary force and potency. The changed aspect of our politics is mainly due to it, and therefore appreciably due to Dolliver. His is the strongest and, on the whole, the best reputation made in congress in recent years. He should have lived long enough to have a chance to turn it into lasting fame.

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small-bore conduct after he came back. Men will never again speak of his achievements without saying "but" and adding qualifying words that detract from his fame. His new title admiral is big, but it can't make of Peary a popular hero. That chance is gone for good.

Tax the Mortgages.

Dubuque Times-Journal: Governor Carroll has signed the bill abolishing the tax ferrets and a bill to exempt moneys and credits is now pending in the legislature. Whatever may be done with this, we should have a law for a registry tax on real estate mortgages. The last state census showed that real estate mortgages in Iowa aggregated \$219,000,000. A tax of half of one per cent on these instruments would yield a large revenue to the public treasury many times more than enough to provide a short course in agriculture for every county in the state. And it could be levied without raising the cost of money to the borrower by comparison with present cost. In the cities at least the concession to him on the interest rate would be more than sufficient to cover the registry tax.

Why Leave Iowa? Webster City Freeman-Tribune: A 320-acre farm four miles from Logan, Harrison county, this state, known as the L. E. Hunt place, sold twenty-five years ago for \$15 an acre. Last year it changed hands at \$100 per acre, and this year it sells at \$125. The farm was purchased by an Iowa man who knows the value of Iowa soil. He will get fair returns from the products of the farm, and then in a few years he can sell it for \$150 or \$175 per acre. Why go west or south after cheap land—cheap because it is poor—when such investments can be made right here at home? It is a safe prediction that nine-tenths of those who buy in the cheap land sections of the United States make less than they would if they invested in the substantial lands of Iowa. Iowa may not be a health resort, but it is the place for the sturdy, energetic, wide-awake farmer to get into connection with the coin of the realm.

Ask Us Something Hard.

"What has become of Charley Kennedy? Has anybody heard of the First district congressman since the eighth of November? If yet alive, the Montrose statesman should send out some garden seeds and let his constituents know he's still 'sitting in,' and drawing his pay."—Keokuk Constitution Democrat.

Donnellson Review: The Democratic press seems to be laboring under the erroneous impression that a congressman is no good unless he is a "windjammer." He must be able to rise to his feet, jam one hand in the breast of his Prince Albert coat, and waving the other wildly above his head, proceed to save the country with a flow of eloquence that a Cicero or a Demosthenes might well have envied. Nothing could be farther from the truth: the would-be orators are simply making grandstand plays to the galleries—their oratory has no more effect upon their colleagues than water would on a duck. The making of laws in congress is done in the committee rooms, and there is where Charles A. Kennedy has been since the people of the First congressional district honored him with office.

He has for some time been chairman of the committee on mileage, and Saturday he was appointed a member of the joint committee on printing, a committee that was created to reorganize the government printing office, in which millions of dollars are spent annually.

He has shown an aptitude and a willingness for hard work in the committee rooms, and he does more towards framing the laws of this country than all the wind-bags in Washington.

Yes, Charley Kennedy is still "sitting in;" don't let that worry you for a minute.

FRANKLIN.

Mrs. Susanna L. Emmert, who visited here from Kansas City, Mo., last summer and a former scholar in our schools, whose many friends in this locality will read with pleasure, that she won both of her suits in the circuit court in Kansas City. According to the Kansas City Journal, the court granted her a divorce from her husband, Peter Emmert, and \$5,000. The other case being Mrs. Witmer vs. Mrs. Emmert, asking \$5,000 for slander, plaintiff claiming that defendant had sent a letter to New York accusing plaintiff of being at fault of breaking up defendant's family and all their troubles. The jury found for defendant. As soon as verdict was read, it is stated plaintiff assaulted defendant and had it not been for court officials, a great hair pulling match would have resulted.

Mrs. Fred H. Ohning ventured out of doors for the first time last Tuesday, since her illness Christmas. It is stated that J. P. Dickson traded his local property for a 55 acre farm three miles west of Keokuk and that he will move to the "dam" city in the near future.

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cost. The amounts were paid and the case stricken off of docket by consent of both parties.

The many friends of Oswald Hirschler, one of the most successful farmers of this township, but moved to California last fall, will be sorry to learn that his life is at stake and not expected to live, on account of blood poison.

The country ladies welcomed the snow Sunday, and will save as much of its water as possible, for it is claimed that March snow water will make the nicest, finest and purest soap for all house purposes.

Corporal C. E. Schiller is the guest of his son, George, in Burlington, for a couple of weeks.

DONNELLSON.

Mrs. Chas. Magerkurth of near La Crew visited at the George Fruch home Saturday.

Adrain Melnhardt of Keokuk visited home folks Saturday.

Mrs. H. L. Hentzel and Mrs. E. B. Wallingford visited in Mt. Clara the fore part of the week.

Miss Edna Roth returned home Thursday morning from a several days stay in Ft. Madison.

Alfred Lowenberg of Keosauqua spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. George French and sons returned home Friday evening from a week's visit near La Crew.

Miss Anna Tempel of Keokuk visited home folks Saturday.

L. E. Barnes and daughter Winona, visited with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Barnes, near La Crew Wednesday.

Mrs. B. F. Warren was an over Sunday visitor with her sister, Miss Alice Taylor in Keokuk.

Lester Miller left for Omaha, Neb., Tuesday evening where he has secured employment. Mr. Parish, of Hale, Mo., has his position here and at La Crew.

Mrs. John Gompf left for Keokuk Friday morning for a several days visit.

Geo. Hays of near Mt. Hamill, visited in our city Saturday and Sunday.

Fred Vornkahl was a Farmington visitor the fore part of the week.

Mrs. Fred Felkert left for Kirksville, Mo., Friday morning for a several days stay with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Korn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson and Miss Orian Donnell were Fort Madison visitors Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Karst and son, and Mrs. C. W. Warren were Keokuk visitors Saturday.

Miss Pansy Beckett of New Boston visited at the H. A. Trump home Thursday evening.

Win Schoene and Chris Hirschler left for Upland, Cal., Saturday evening to be at the bedside of Oswald Tersdeler, who is in a critical condition with blood poisoning.

Mr. Knobbs visited in Niota, Ill., Saturday.

Mrs. Dan Reifer returned home Saturday morning from a weeks' visit in Fort Madison.

Walter Scheurs of Burlington spent Sunday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hirschler and son David, and Miss Amanda Abel were Keokuk visitors Monday.

Elmer Baust and Jim Willson left for Missoula, Mont., Monday evening for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. John Wardlow of Mt. Clara was in our city Sunday.

BOOK TICKET WELL LIKED

New One to Take the Place of the Yard Long Form is Appreciated by Every one.

AN IOWA INVENTION Only Strange Thing About It is That it Was So Long in Being Found Out.

The book ticket, to take the place of the yard or more of "form" tickets heretofore used by railroads, and which is the invention of an Iowa man—W. S. Parker of Ottumwa, joint agent of the Burlington and Rock Island railroads—has been adopted by the Burlington railway and in the larger offices of the company the big cases for the "form" tickets will soon disappear and the small case for the "book" ticket will take its place.

The wonder is that the new style of passenger ticket for long trips has not been thought of heretofore.

The following from the Denver Republican of February 16, explains the importance of Mr. Parker's invention.

The millennium has arrived in part, at least, for the seller of long distance railroad and steamship tickets, for the auditors of the railroads and best of all for the poor forlorn traveler who has heretofore had to pack with him when going on a long journey a couple of yards of that commodity known as a "coupon ticket." At least these important statements are true if the passenger goes by way of the Burlington.

All large stations of the Burlington will begin the sale of the "Parker universal leaf ticket," which is expected to prove far ahead of the old "ribbon" system. The "Parker ticket" is named after W. S. Parker, joint agent of the Burlington and Rock Island at Ottumwa, Iowa, who is the inventor.

This ticket is in the form of a booklet, three by four and one-half inches in size, containing as many leaves as there are roads and transfer companies interested in the ticket issued to passengers. One leaf, properly filled in with the name of the road and the stations between which the ticket is to be used is taken by the first conductor of each road patronized on a journey. The book agent is bound by the selling agent by the use of a machine which goes with the new ticket outfit, and is practically indestructible. It is easily carried in a pocket or in a pocketbook and the wonder of all who have seen it is that it was not adopted sooner.

The new system is expected to do away with the huge ticket cases that occupy most of the space in the Burlington ticket office here. Where there have been 700 "forms" of tickets in use on the Burlington there will hereafter be only 76. A simple card index will be maintained in a single drawer.

It is said that the greatest saving will come in the auditing department as the new form will eliminate most of the bookkeeping now necessary to record ticket sales. A filing system will be substituted. The new leaf ticket contains a column in which the auditor will list the proportion of the ticket sale to be received by his road. The auditor will receive an exact duplicate of every ticket sold. In the old "ribbon" system, the agent had to make a report of every ticket sold, copying all the details in a book kept for the purpose. This was the only information the auditor had, except in case of an error, when the ticket had to be hunted up. It is believed the new ticket will be particularly serviceable to the conductor, who can collect a trainful of tickets in half the time required under the old system.

One Idea of Prosperity. Some men think they are getting their share of the country's prosperity if their wives succeed in getting a steady job.—Washington Post.

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