

CONGRESS AT ITS WORK.

Debating Public Business in Newly Furnished and Well Ventilated Halls.

The Senate Gets Free Lemonade and a Free Slave as Well.

Representatives Can Each Employ Private Secretaries at the People's Expense—Cookran and Reed.

[Special Correspondence.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The capitol is clean, bright, comfortable and gratifying to the newly assembled Fifty-third congress. For the past two weeks it has been upset, dusty, dismantled, with chairs and desks all about for the unwary to stumble over, with huge rolls of carpets in the lobbies. The upholsterers, the painters, the plumbers and the scrubbers have been hounded, and congress meets in halls sweet and inviting.

Heated debates over the financial situation may warm the blood of some of the members, but those who preserve even tempers find that much of the talk about the terrors of the dog days in Washington is bosh, and the capitol is the coolest place in town. Within its massive walls the rays of the sun do not penetrate. The cool breezes from the Potomac sweep in the southern windows and play hide and seek with one another in wondrous corridors. The heavy furnishings of winter are gone, and there are cold air ducts by means of which fresh air outside may be pumped into the building whenever the torridity of the weather demands it. Altogether the good wives at seashore or country retreats need not worry and fret because "poor John, you know, has to go to that frightfully hot Washington in August to help save the country and make the finances safe again." John can take care of himself and find a little fun in doing it, too, even if the weather is warm and fashionable society out of town. The best advice his better half can give him is to take the cable cars and ride up the hill on which the capitol stands, for the walk in the glare of the sun is heating, and he may catch cold from cooling off too rapidly within the shady, breezy recesses of the building.

The heavy portieres and curtains have been taken down about the cloakrooms and lobbies of the senate chamber, the dusty carpets removed, and fresh, sweet smelling matting laid. The desks have been put in order and polished, a large stock of apollinaris and lemons stored away to be prepared by a colored artist as thirst quencher. Colonel Dick Bright has succeeded Sergeant at Arms Valentine, and he has studied so long how to pluck the good things of life by the wayside that no fence is entertained of a failure to make things comfortable. Over on the house side the members have to chip in from their private purses whenever they wish lemons and water. This is one result of going out of power every two years. Like all other contending bodies, the senate gathers a little moss with increasing age, and when once an addition is made to its perquisites never relinquishes it. There was a great howl when it was discovered that out of its elastic contingent of senators had provided themselves with barbers at pub-



BOURKE COCKRAN.

lie expense, but the barbers were retained, and now a shave, some refreshing bay rum and a bath are awaiting any senator who feels a little frazzled from his exacting duties.

The house will look a little different now to its members, as under the new appointment act made to fit the 1890 census room had to be made for 23 more members than were in the last house. This addition to the seating capacity has considerably diminished the quarters where members may loiter at ease and hear what is going on, and now most of them will have to literally obey the rules and go to the cloakrooms when they want to smoke and swap reminiscences.

The provision for the new members is only temporary, and the house may be called on to make permanent arrangements for its own accommodation later in the session. There are several plans for this drawn and before the speaker. The most radical is that of Bourke Cockran, who, being an orator, naturally wants the necessities, when changed, to be favorable to members with a gift of eloquent talk.

He proposes to completely change the hall and remodel it on the style of the English house of commons. Mr. Cookran wants all the desks removed and benches provided for the members. Nowadays a member attends to a large part of his correspondence while the speaking is going on about him. Tammany's orator wants to compel members to listen or leave the hall, and he thinks this will be the result if no desks be provided. His plan contemplates a much smaller hall than the present one, which is so large as to strain the voice of three-fourths of the members. Mr. Cookran has the support of ex-speaker Reed for his plan, which is really the joint production. Mr. Reed also would like to see attention paid to the general debility and fuller production in the newspapers.

The plan of these two leading members would involve such a great change that its chances of adoption are slim. Speaker Crisp recognized the fact that it could only be adopted after long debate and so in the last congress simply put this and other plans involving considerable expenditure away and merely added the necessary additional seats, the expense of which could be borne by the contingent fund.

The abge that every change makes another change may be again exemplified in this matter. This year for the first time each representative has authority to employ a clerk and pay him out of the public treasury and not over \$100 a month. Members will therefore not be under the same necessity of personally writing their correspondence, and this fact and the need of quarters in which to dictate correspondence to their clerks may do more than overcome any reason to model our house of representatives on the plan of the English commons.

Speaker Crisp has a new desk top. He needs it. The old top is in the cabinet maker's. The cloth is worn and the wood dented, pecked, marked and splintered. Water, it is said, wears away a stone in time, and the constant thump of the speaker's gavel in his efforts to keep the house in order while a dozen members are busy smiling at one another sadly on his desk in the course of a congress. The blows with the gavel are not always gentle taps. In real breezy times they would be enough to put Peter Jackson to sleep if landed on the jaw of the negro pugilist. Crisp's last sounding board is eaten away for a distance two feet long

and a foot wide, in places as much as an inch, and gouges at a greater distance tell of vicious raps when the speaker's ire was aroused and he lunged wildly in the air with his weapon of authority. Speaker Reed's desk is also in the repair shop. It is a study in splinters for the speculative philosopher.

Mr. Crisp's desk was of pine. Mr. Reed's was of hard wood, but it is gnawed as if rodents had been hungry and made a meal of it. There are the signs of many hard raps, and here and there are savage cuts that speak of turbulent Democrats shouting "Czar!" "Gag rule!" and other ejaculations at the speaker of the celebrated Fifty-first congress. BANKS RICHARDSON.

SCARFFIN AND TIE.

James Irving Crabbe, the sculptor on Japan, China and Russia, is a Florida editor. Frederick Law Olmstead, the landscape artist, was made an LL. D. by Yale and Harvard on the same day.

M. Maris of Paris is known as the "dog harber." He daily clips from 10 to 30 dogs. The price of a clip is 4 francs.

John J. Ingalls says he has never taken a dollar for an address either political or literary in Kansas and never expects to.

Attorney General Hendrick of Kentucky prides himself on the fact that he rose from a farm laborer to his present place of dignity and honor.

Ephraim W. Bull, the originator of the Concord grape, is still living at Concord, Mass. He is 87 years old and one of the prominent men of the historic town.

At Denison, Tex., recently three brothers named Early married three sisters named Parker, and the mother of the girls completed the capture by marrying the father of the boys.

Edwin N. Benson celebrated his 30 years of continuous membership in the Union League of Philadelphia recently by giving a banquet to 30 friends in the league banquet hall.

Michael do Bernoff, who walked into fame by making the distance from St. Petersburg to Paris afoot, is studying English preparatory to a pedestrian tour through this country.

Jay Gould's family is to build a memorial church at Roxbury, N. Y., costing \$200,000 and bearing on its cornerstone this inscription: "To the Glory of God and in Memory of Jay Gould."

The famous Chicago grain broker, "Old Hunt" visited the World's Fair recently. He carried a sandwich lunch in his pocket and assured his friends that he is living comfortably on a dollar a day.

Baron Alphonse Rothschild has had one of his eyes removed as the result of an unfortunate accident which occurred last autumn when he was out hunting on his French estate with a party of friends.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Strait, a popular minister in the Christian denomination in Indiana two or three years ago and not much heard of since, was recognized in Cincinnati recently acting as a hostler in a lively stable.

Henry McCalmont, owner of Ingletons, the Derby winner, somewhat unexpectedly inherited a fortune of \$200,000 from his great uncle, but came into full possession of it only on his last birthday. He has just turned 32.

Captain J. A. Mollen is not a resident of any particular locality, but lives on a steamboat which plies the water of the Colorado river. When he writes out his name on the hotel registers, he makes it read, "J. A. Mollen, Colorado river."

Professor Barnard of the Lick observatory is still young, though the discoverer of 10 comets. He is now busy photographing the milky way, on which task he has been engaged two years, and he will require three years more to complete it.

Count Camillo Pecci, the pope's nephew, is the black sheep of the family. He gambled and got heavily in debt, and his uncle, to save the family name, came to the rescue and satisfied his creditors, but banished him from the papal court. He now resides in Cuba with his wife.

FIN, FEATHER AND FUR.

The crow flies at the rate of 25 miles an hour. The sparrow hawk flies six times as far, or 150 miles, in the same length of time.

Sturgeons, for their size, are the weakest of all fish. They are found in some places weighing over a ton, but are perfectly helpless when attacked by a swordfish the size of a herring.

The crab when living near the ocean's surface has well developed eyes. In deeper water only eyestalks are present—no eyes—while in specimens from still deeper water the eyestalks have joined, forming a pointed beak.

In Norway the horses always have a bucket of water placed beside each animal's allowance of hay. After each mouthful of hay they take a sip of water. It is said this mode of feeding is beneficial, and to it the fact is attributed that a broken winded horse is rarely seen in Norway.

The paragon of fabulous creatures, the basilisk perhaps excepted, was the Arabian phoenix, a bird which, according to mythical lore, lived 500 years, then made a nest of spices and aromatic woods, fanned them into a blaze with its wing, burned itself to ashes and came forth to live another 500 years.

THE MOVING WORLD.

Thirty horsepower petroleum engines without boilers are now in successful operation.

The new weldless chain has proven by experiments that its breaking strain is nearly double that of the steel of which it is made.

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