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A SUBWAY BILL

The Question to Be Considered by a Subcommittee.

ANOTHER TELEPHONE HEARING

Promises of Cheap Service Made by New Companies.

OTHER LOCAL MATTERS

The House District committee today authorized Chairman Babcock to appoint a subcommittee of five, of which he shall be chairman, to take into consideration the question of a general system of subways for this city and to report to the full committee the result of their deliberations.

THE A. P. A. PARTY

It May Put Up a Presidential Candidate of Its Own.

Falling to Secure Recognition Either at St. Louis or Chicago This is Said to Be Their Plan.

The prominence lately given the American Protective Association has brought that organization under real fire for the first time since its inception. The contests of the order have heretofore been local, but now it has branched out into national politics.

What Will Be Done About It? If the published statements of Judge Stevens, the head of the advisory board of the A. P. A., are true, then if McKinley is nominated the order will oppose him and the republican party, no matter what the declarations in the platform.

Talk of a New Party. In the event of both being against the A. P. A., the members of the A. P. A. leaders, it is said, to launch a new party. One of them, and a man high in its councils, has told a Star reporter so.

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Pardons and Commutations by the President—One District Case.

The President has pardoned Samuel Roxix, sentenced in Tennessee to two years for breaking into a post office, because he is in the last stages of consumption; Tarkell A. Smith, sentenced in Wisconsin to one year's imprisonment for embezzling letters, and Jane Ward, sentenced in Indian territory to one year's imprisonment for removing mortgaged property.

Printing the Postage Stamps.

Senator Wolcott today, from the committee on post offices and post roads, reported favorably the amendment to the sundry civil bill proposed by Senator Hawley, directing the printing of the postage stamps by contract with private firms after open competition.

Pipes for Commercial Purpose.

Mr. Mercer of Nebraska has introduced a bill in the House providing for the Commissioners to lay pipes for commercial purposes under the surface of any unpaved street of the city, and to make regulations for the work.

Reassessment Bill Amendments.

The House today agreed to the Senate amendments to the reassessment bill.

A Civil Service Hearing.

It is probable that the question of directly applying the civil service to the municipal offices of the District, which was apparently settled in the negative at the last meeting of the District committee Friday, will be reopened by that committee within a short time.

Personal Mention.

Col. W. L. Chambers of Alabama, one of the Senators-elect, is on a visit to the city. Secretary Lamont has gone to Birmingham, N. Y., to attend the funeral of Mr. Chan. Davis.

Army Orders.

On his own application Arthur James Moore, battery M, fourth artillery, Washington barracks, has been placed on the retired list of the army.

Government Receipts.

National bank notes received today for redemption, \$222,008. Government receipts—Finance interest, \$10,427; customs, \$36,722; miscellaneons, \$2,150.

FIGHT TO BE BITTER

Bradley and McKinley Factions in the Louisville Convention.

TEST VOTE ON TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Ex-Congressman Bland Boomed at Sedalia, Mo.

SENATOR TILLMAN AT DENVER

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 15.—One of the most bitter contests ever waged in a political convention in Kentucky will be inaugurated here this afternoon at 2 o'clock, when the republican convention meets to send delegates to the national convention.

NEW JERSEY REPUBLICANS

Preparing for the State Convention Tomorrow.

TRENTON, N. J., April 15.—Preparations are nearly completed for the holding of the republican state convention in this city tomorrow to elect four delegates-at-large and two delegates each from the eight congressional districts in the state to the national convention at St. Louis.

RETURNED FROM GEORGIA

Secretary Smith Again at His Office in the Interior Department.

What He Says About His Recent Debate With Ex-Speaker Crisp—The Senatorial Contest.

Secretary Smith returned last night from Georgia, where he and Judge Crisp have been engaged in the now famous joint debate on sound money. The Secretary was at his office in the Interior Department today, looking fresh and hearty, his complexion a glowing red, and his hair as black as Washington a few weeks ago.

Anti-Bradley Men at Work.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 15.—The gathering at the Auditorium this afternoon is expected to furnish abundant entertainment for the 1,500 or more republicans from all parts of the state who will be upon the floor of the convention.

MISSOURI DEMOCRATS

The Convention Will Be the Largest Ever Held in the State.

SEDALIA, Mo., April 15.—Delegates to the democratic state convention to nominate thirty-four delegates to Chicago were assembled this morning. It is the largest state party convention held in the history of Missouri.

AN APPALLING PROBABILITY.

The List of American Colonels May Be Vastly Increased.

The ranks of the American colonels may soon be greatly swelled. If their brethren in the national titular classes, the "Judges," are not to be completely overshadowed, new legislation should be enacted which suggested in the Senate today by Mr. Allen of Nebraska, himself a veteran of the late war without a title.

THE QUARANTINE RAISED.

The Cleveland Children Have Recovered From the Measles.

The Cleveland children have recovered from the measles and the quarantine at Woodley has been raised. The President usually visits his family every afternoon, but has not yet taken up his abode with them. He and Mr. Thurber still make their home at the White House.

It is Said That He Will Be Re-Elected in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 15.—The republican state committee, at 3 p. m., will re-elect Charles Kurtz chairman. He has thirteen votes, and the opposition is the McKinley interest, which says McKinley for chairman, but Bushnell men say a governor ought to lead the party, and not the candidate for secretary of state.

TILLMAN WELL RECEIVED.

The Senator Arouses Colorado Democrats' Enthusiasm.

DENVER, Col., April 15.—The presence of United States Senator Tillman in Denver has aroused enthusiasm among Colorado Democrats. The state convention, which met this forenoon, consisted of 40 delegates. No cut-and-dried program had been arranged, but it is certain that anti-administration delegates will be sent to Chicago.

Stamp Counterfeiters Arrested.

The Treasury Department is informed that secret service operatives have arrested Peter and Nancy in Chicago and captured \$100 worth of stamps. They also secured 600 letters in the post office with counterfeit stamps on them.

GEN. LEE AND CUBA

Effect of His Recent Appointment as Consul General.

HIS OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTIGATION

The President's Feeling on the Matter the Important Point.

MR. BLOUNT'S FATE RECALLED

The suggestion comes from a Virginia quarter that the appointment of General Fitzhugh Lee as consul general at Havana may have no other meaning but a desire on the President's part to bestow on his friend an office with a larger salary attached than the one he has been holding.

THE PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE

But the most important point at last is thought to relate to the President's own attitude in the premises. Is he friendly to Cuba? Would he be glad upon the receipt of information that would thoroughly satisfy him as to the number and power of the insurgents to grant them belligerent rights?

THE CASE OF MR. BLOUNT

This, it is recalled, was the rock on which Mr. Blount was wrecked in the Hawaiian business. The President was not friendly to the Hawaiian republic, and sent Mr. Blount to Honolulu to prepare a case which would justify an attempt to undo the DeLoe government.

AN IMPORTANT JOB ON HAND

General Lee has had experience both in civil and military life. He comes with a fine stock, and he has won his name well. If he is going to Cuba in the double capacity of consul general and confidential adviser to the President about the state of the revolt on the island he has an important job on hand.

THE WHITFORD SEIZURE

Protest of the Master and Crew Received at the State Department.

The protest of the master and crew of the American schooner George W. Whitford of New York against the action of the Colombian officials in seizing the vessel on the high seas, has been received at the State Department, and the United States minister to Colombia will be called upon to investigate the seizure and report upon it to the department.

EXPERIENCE WITH A WOOD ROOF.

W. C. Dodge Tells How the Patent Office Fire Defied Water.

Senator Cockrell is receiving daily many expressions of gratitude from citizens of the District for his efforts to stop the construction of a wooden roof on the city post office building. This morning's mail brought a letter from Mr. W. C. Dodge, saying: "I was exceedingly glad to see your resolution in regard to the post office roof introduced and so promptly adopted by the Senate, more especially in view of our experience with the wooden roof on the patent office building, which was burned in 1878, the west, north and part of the east side. We had to call for help from Baltimore, and my own building across the street were saved only by the fact that I had put in a standpipe and had a hose by which I kept the roof and fronts wet, though I suffered for lack of pressure in the main. That fire destroyed much property, interrupted the public business for a long time, and cost the government several hundred thousand dollars. In view of such experience, it is astounding that any one should think again of topping up a fire-proof building with a combustible roof. It appears that the same thing is being done with the printing bureau to the bureau of engraving and printing."

Restored to Duty.

The recent trouble between Maj. White and Capt. E. E. Ewing of the medical department at Jefferson barracks, Mo., has finally culminated in the restoration of the unexpired portion of the three months' sentence of suspension imposed by court-martial in the case of the junior officer and his restoration to duty. He has served all but ten days of his sentence.

THE NEW YORK DEMOCRACY

Points of Difference Between the Administration and Senator Hill.

Lamont's Availability as a Candidate for Governor Discussed—The Folger Precedent Brought Up.

Senator Hill has returned from his visit home, but declines to discuss any of the rumors which have grown out of the trip. They are numerous, and some are circumstantial. The feature common to them all refers to an uneasiness which Mr. Hill is reported to feel both about the personnel of the New York delegation to the Chicago convention and that of the state ticket to be nominated by the democracy next fall.

MR. HILL'S OPINION

As to State Affairs.

So far as state affairs are concerned, well-informed New Yorkers do not expect to see Col. Lamont show any great strength in the race for the gubernatorial nomination. It is not known that he has entered the race, or intends doing so, but if he should appear in it his administration connection, it is insisted, would handicap him.

THE FOLGER PRECEDENT

But above all this is that Folger precedent, likely, it is thought, to influence New York politics for all time. Col. Lamont stands clear of Mr. Cleveland than Judge Folger did to Mr. Grant. It is doubted, indeed, if an man enjoys Mr. Cleveland's interest and affection to the same extent that Col. Lamont does.

THE HOUSE

At the opening of the session of the House today Mr. Bell (Tex.) called up the report of elections committee No. 3, in the case of Moorman regt. Latimer, from the third district of South Carolina, which was unanimously in favor of the sitting member, and it was adopted without division.

ARRANGING A PROGRAM.

The House committee on rules has been trying to arrange a program for the rest of the session which will enable them to wind up all the business for an adjournment on the 11th or 18th of May. They conferred over the matter yesterday and last evening and may get together again today. It is agreed that the bankruptcy bill, the bill for the codification of pension laws, and all the contested election cases which the elections committee have reported on or can report in time, are to be disposed of at this session. Besides these matters, there are a number of measures not of general public interest which have been booked for action.

LETTERS READ BY MR. BICE.

"The gentleman," replied Mr. Bice contemptuously, "is gorged with information regarding these homes."

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Continuing, Mr. Bice had read several letters criticizing Gen. Franklin and Governor Smith, one of them alleging that Governor

THE DU PONT CASE

An Attempt to Fix a Date to Vote Failed.

SENATOR GRAY'S POSITION SPEECH

An Attack on Gen. Franklin in the House.

ALLEGATIONS BY MR. BLUE

In the Senate today Mr. Sewell (N. J.) reported from the committee on military affairs, and asked immediate consideration for a bill authorizing the President to give brevets in the army without pay to officers who served in the volunteer forces. Mr. Sewell explained that it applied to about forty volunteer major generals, and was designed to give to them an honor which they could hand down to their offspring.

MR. ALLEN (NEB.) WANTED THE MEASURE

broader to include honorary brevets to non-commissioned officers for service in the field in this, objected to the bill, and it went over.

MR. GRAY (DE.) WAS THEN RECOGNIZED

in opposition to the claim of Mr. Du Pont for a seat in the Senate.

MR. ALLISON ASKED HOW SOON A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE DU PONT CASE WOULD BE REACHED.

Some understanding should be reached as to the business of the Senate. He also asked that the restoration for inquiry into recent bond issues must give way to appropriation bills.

MR. PETERSON WANTED TO GO ON WITH THE INDIAN BILL, AND MR. HALE WITH THE NAVAL BILL.

Mr. Mitchell, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, said he hoped to secure action on the Du Pont case after pending special orders and a number of speeches had been disposed of.

MR. GORMAN'S PROPOSITION.

This brought Mr. Gorman to his feet with a proposition to vote on the Du Pont case at a fixed time, next Wednesday at 3 p. m. He said it was a waste of time to have this and other measures sandwiched in between appropriation bills. He asked Mr. Mitchell, in charge of the bill, if he could be allowed to vote next Wednesday. The latter declined to fix a date for the vote, but said he would fix a time for a vote after asking Mr. Gorman.

"AFTER" PENDING MEASURES ARE OUT OF THE WAY.

Mr. Gorman remarked that this meant the Du Pont vote would be put off until after June 1st.

MR. STEWART (NEV.) INQUIRED WHAT HAD BECOME OF THE PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.

"That bill," said Mr. Gorman, "is not to take any time. It may pass without opposition. Certainly if the present policy of the House continues it will be necessary to make a large appropriation bill large—in order to get enough money distributed through the country to carry on business."

THE DISCUSSION WAS CUT OFF AT THIS POINT BY A CALL FOR THE REGULAR ORDER, AND MR. GRAY PRECEEDED WITH HIS SPEECH ON THE DU PONT CASE.

Mr. Gray expressed his personal regard for Mr. Du Pont, who had the confidence and respect of the people of Delaware. In this case, Mr. Gray proceeded, the claim set up by Mr. Du Pont in contradiction of the Delaware constitution, and the responsibility of Mr. Du Pont, the right of Speaker Watson to act as a duty to oppose the admission of Mr. Du Pont. The right of Speaker Watson to act as a duty to oppose the admission of Mr. Gray, who said the law was overwhelming in support of this right, and in vindication of the honor of the Senate and the people of Delaware.

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