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LOATH TO GIVE THEM UP

Democrats Regret the Luxurious Senate Committee Rooms.

CLERKS ARE ON THE MOVE

The Minority Statesmen Are Forced to Occupy the Quarters in the Maltby House Vacated Recently by the Republicans—Gorman, Harris, Turpie and Voorhees Fortunate.

There is more activity around the Senate side of the Capitol than there has been for two years.

It is the last day for the Democratic regime, and the activity is largely confined to the clerks. They are trying to get things in shape to move.

For owing to yesterday's vote in the Senate the Democratic Senators must give up their elegant committee rooms. The wheel has turned, and the Republicans will occupy them now.

It should not be, but the possession of these committee rooms is one of the chief ends to be secured in reorganizing the Senate. The majority always occupies the rooms in the Capitol building, and the most important committees have the finest quarters. It is the giving up of these which causes the wrench.

DEMOCRATS MUST GO.

Most of the Democratic Senators must move over to the Maltby Building now. That is where the Republicans were chased two years ago. In summer it is a very warm place, and but few of the Senators are found there. If the Supreme Court ever secures quarters outside the Capitol, it will be obtained.

But the people most seriously and directly interested by the change are the committee clerks. For two years they have been drawing salaries of \$2,000. Now they are cut down to \$1,200.

There are sixty of these gentlemen who are spending their last day at the increased rate. Commencing tomorrow, there is a cut of \$800 a year for forty-nine of them. The Democrats have still eleven chairmanships, and that many clerks remain.

But there is nothing sad. If forty-nine clerks are to be cut down another forty-nine stand ready for the increase. From private sources they jump to committee clerkships tomorrow with the \$800 increase.

OUT FOR YEARS.

The special sadness to the Democrats, though, comes from the knowledge that they are out for years. At best it will take ten years before the Senate is again Democratic, and the most important committees are enough to drive a Democrat out of the Senate.

There are half a dozen lucky Democratic Senators, however. They will remain in the Capitol building. Senator Gorman is one. He secures a room. Senator Harris goes to the Committee of Private Land Claims, one of the best committee rooms in the building. Senator Voorhees and Senator Turpie are also among the fortunate.

Before the end of the week it is expected the changes will all be made. Then there will be no reason for delay. All the business before the committee will be taken up. Regular days will be observed and Senators will work.

So far nothing has been done owing to this. The excuse was that the Senate must reorganize. This has been done, and nothing remains but to work.

BILL NOT FAVORED.

Senator Faulkner's Divorce Measure Receives Adverse Report.

The Commissioners today recommended unfavorable action upon the bill, introduced in the Senate on December 5 by Senator Faulkner, to prevent fraudulent divorces.

The measure provides that the District jurisdiction in divorce suits be restricted to cases where both parties lived in the District when suit was begun, or where the plaintiff lived here and the defendant was personally served with notice here, or where one party was living here when suit was begun and one of the other actually lived here for a year next preceding.

The Commissioners referred the matter to Attorney Thomas, and base their unfavorable recommendation made to Senator McMillan upon his report.

Mr. Thomas says that the proposed legislation would be no improvement on the law already in force. No fraudulent divorces have been obtained in the District of Columbia, to his knowledge. If there are any such this bill is not calculated to prevent them. The purpose of the bill would seem to be to limit the jurisdiction of the courts as to divorce; that is to say, to change the law so that there would be fewer divorces.

LICENSED TO MARRY.

Leap Year Will Start Most Favorably With Many Weddings.

Thirty-two persons had up to 1 o'clock today made application at the clerk's office for authority to begin the New Year in couples.

Marriage licenses were issued to them as follows: James Campbell and Mollie Perkins. Eugene B. Bell and Elizabeth May Palmer.

Charles T. Davenport and Edith Frazier. Jerome F. McCallister and Emma May Deitz.

Paul F. Stein and Martha L. Menzel. John H. Ware and Delia B. Johnson. George Washington and Dora Leighton. Benjamin A. Fowler of Prince Georges county, Md., and Rhoda Shaw of Charles county, Md.

Edward M. Gooding and Sadie M. Montgomery. John C. Alderton and Emily R. Troth. Henry A. Donaldson and Laura V. Jennings.

William C. Caldwell, of Lynchburg, Va., and Magdalene Woody, of Richmond, Va. Frank A. Parkhurst and Caroline B. Troth.

James H. Draper and Edith Hicks. Horace E. Wise and L. E. Donaldson.

Gold Shipments Balance.

Boston, Dec. 31.—The Boston News Bureau says: The importation of gold announced this morning is for Lawson, Welden & Co., who have \$500,000 on the way.

New York, Dec. 31.—Miller, Schall & Co. will ship \$600,000 gold to South America.

Erection of Fire Escapes.

The Commissioners ordered today that, in putting up fire escapes stand pipes should not be required with them.

PETITION FOR CONDEMNATION.

Commissioners Want Property in the Way of a Big Sewer.

The District Commissioners filed a petition in the equity court today for condemnation of right of way for the construction of the Rock Creek and B street intercepting sewer, between L and P streets north-west. The fact is stated that the petitioners are engaged in building a public intercepting sewer in line with the proposed extension, and that its future course lies through lots and parts of lots belonging to C. H. Stanley, Columbian College, Charles Meunier, Chas. J. M. Knapp, W. W. Conroy's estate, Victor Anderson, Wm. E. Schneider, Richard E. Pairo, and Pacificus Ord, in squares 13, 23, square west of 23, and squares 35, 48 and 49.

The defendants are required by petitioners to answer the bill and the court is asked to authorize a jury to appraise damages.

WILL FIGHT TO A FINISH

Battle Royal Promised by Managers of the Railroad Pool.

President Caldwell Speaks for All and Enters a Deft Against the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 31.—President Caldwell of the Lake Shore road was not surprised over the action of Attorney General Mitchell in carrying out the proceedings instituted at once to prevent the promulgation of the so-called railroad rate trust, the Joint Traffic Association.

Mr. Caldwell said: "The plan of the Interstate Commission will not likely deter the members from carrying out their first intention of putting the new agreement into effect January 1. Of course an injunction might prevent."

"This agreement is the work of months of consultation and cool-headed thinking. The best legal talent in the land helped frame it and it is not intended that it be allowed to fall at one swoop. It will be a legal battle royal, and the railroads think they have as good a front as the other side, with a better chance of winning."

General Agent Fouts of the Erie returned from Chicago yesterday, and speaking of the ward declared by the Interstate Commerce Commission on the new association, said: "Chicago railroad men were astonished at the decision of the commission to fight, and opinion was evenly divided on the outcome."

"The argument was advanced that the presidents had not gone to the agreement with their eyes closed and they would fight to the bitter end, as it is a case of life and death with them."

CONDEMNATION OF THE TEXAS.

Official Statement Given Out After the Cabinet Meeting.

Secretary Herbert today gave out a formal statement concerning the result of the recent official inspection of the second-class battleship Texas, the vessel built by the government at the Norfolk navy yard.

The statement was submitted to the President at the cabinet meeting by Mr. Herbert before being made public.

The inspection board recommended quite a number of changes and improvements, among others that docking keels be fitted on each side, such as are now provided for in all new battleships; that various bracket plates be stiffened when a convenient opportunity occurs, that additional water-tight doors be fitted to facilitate communication between fire rooms, and in passing coal from one side of the ship to the other. The fuel pumps are not efficient. They also recommended various changes in the piping, so that any pump can supply any boiler; also in other minor particulars.

The Texas will be sent to a navy yard, and all the deficiencies pointed out will be remedied, and when this is done she will be a first-class ship.

From the fact that a perusal of the full text of the inspection board's report was not permitted it is impossible to state what the findings of the board were in regard to the claims made that the Texas is structurally weak.

LIGHT FINE IMPOSED.

Judge Kimball Decides the B. & O. Engineer's Case.

Isiah Stevens, the engineer who was tried before Judge Kimball yesterday on a charge of violating the act of Congress of August 3, 1871, requiring flagmen to be stationed at railroad crossings within the limits of the city, and prohibiting engineers from running their trains over such crossings in the absence of a flagman, was taken before the court for sentence today.

The attorney for the company announced his intention to contest the validity of the law in the higher court, when it was sustained by Judge Kimball, and asked that the court take the defendant's personal bonds to appear for sentence, in order that he might be given time to get out a writ of habeas corpus.

This was done, and today the engineer was fined \$10 and taken to the upper court, where the writ was issued.

THROWN FROM A WAGON.

Frank Fickler in a Critical Condition at the Hospital.

Frank Fickler, colored, about twenty-one years of age and residing in Montgomery county, Md., was taken to the Emergency Hospital this morning suffering from frightful injuries of the head, caused in a run-away.

A partial examination of the man's injuries has been made, and so far no fracture of the skull has been found, though the chances for his recovery are doubtful.

Fickler is the driver of a wagon for a farmer in the country. As he was on his way to the city this morning the horses took fright and ran down the hill near the Georgetown power house.

He was thrown from his seat and struck the hard surface of the road on his head. He was taken to the hospital in the Eighth precinct patrol wagon.

Lieut. Pagne Dismissed.

Lieut. Samuel S. Pagne of the Fifteenth Infantry Regiment was today dismissed from the United States army in accordance with the findings of a court-martial. The charges on which Lieut. Pagne was tried were based on an attempt made by him on the life of Col. Crofton, the commanding officer of his regiment.

Silesian Mine Horror.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—An explosion occurred in a coal mine at Silesia, Prussia, yesterday, causing the death of a large number of workmen. Twenty-one dead and twelve injured have already been taken out of the pit.



I'll Take the Reins Now, Please.

SENATE INTENDS TO STAY

Voted to Adjourn Only From Today Till Friday Next.

ARMOR CONTRACT INQUIRY

Committee on Naval Affairs Directed to Investigate the Question of Alleged Frauds—Senator Sherman Offers a Resolution—Spirited Debate Upon the Redemption of Notes.

It would appear as though the Republican majority in the Senate does not propose to have a holiday recess, but to continue the work of the Finance Committee, the Senate today voted to adjourn from today till next Friday, Mr. Morrill stating that the Finance Committee desired time, on Thursday, to consider the House bond and tariff bills.

Mr. Perkins offered a resolution, with a long string of "whereases" instructing the Finance Committee to report an amendment to the House revenue bill providing for an additional duty on raw sugar equal to the proposed increase on other articles, and asked for its immediate consideration.

Mr. Berry objected, and the resolution went over.

Mr. Pettigrew introduced a bill, which was referred to the Finance Committee, to cancel redeemed United States legal tender notes.

ADJOURN TILL FRIDAY.

Mr. Morrill, chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it adjourn till Friday next, remarking that the Finance Committee desired time on Thursday to consider the House bond and tariff bills. The motion was agreed to.

The resolution heretofore offered by Mr. Chandler, as to prices paid for armor for vessels of the navy, whether they were higher than charged by the same contractors to foreign governments, and as to government officers being interested in patents used in its manufacture, was taken up.

Mr. Chandler modified it as the suggestion of Mr. Gorman by omitting the clause as to lower prices charged to foreign governments. Mr. Gorman explaining that the facts were made known at the last session and were that it had been deemed very desirable for United States manufacturers to compete with English and German manufacturers for a single Russian vessel, and that armor had been supplied at a loss.

Mr. Gorman also expressed his regret that the resolution suggested corrupting influences among naval officers.

Mr. Hale agreed with Mr. Gorman and favored the holding up the hands of the officials of the navy.

"Those great transactions," he said, "including the building of battleships during several administrations, 'have been done openly and above board, and with integrity transferred through every branch of the service. I regret that anything has arisen that would, in any way, disturb the confidence which Congress has had in all the branches of the Navy Department, and in which the country has shared. If there is anything, however, to disturb that confidence, it ought to be brought out. I hope that an investigation will demonstrate that there is nothing in it."

Mr. Chandler said that he had taken the responsibility of offering the resolution. Facts had come to his knowledge, which required investigation. The resolution as amended was as follows:

"Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be directed to inquire whether the price paid, or agreed to be paid, for armor for vessels of the navy have been fair and reasonable; also, whether any prices paid have been increased on account of patent processes used for the introduction of nickel, or for ornamentation by the Harvey process; if so, whether the increases in price are fair and reasonable; whether the issuance of any of the patents was expedited at the request of the Navy Department; whether such patents were properly issued, and were for inventions, or previously known and used, and who were and are the owners of such patents; whether any officers of the government were interested therein, or at the time when any contracts were made, were, or have since been, interested in the patents, or employed by the owners thereof, and whether any legislation is necessary to further promote the manufacture and cheapen the price of armor for vessels of the navy."

MR. SHERMAN'S RESOLUTION.

Mr. Sherman offered the following resolution, and asked that it lie over for the present, stating that he desired to present some remarks upon it next Friday:

"Resolved, That by injurious legislation by the Fifty-third Congress the revenues of the government were reduced below its necessary expenditures; and the fund, created by law, for the redemption of United States notes has been invaded to supply such deficiencies of reserves; that such a misapplication of the redemption fund is of doubtful legality, and is greatly injurious to the public credit, and should be prevented by restoring said fund to the sum of not less than \$100,000,000 in gold coin or bullion (to be segregated from all other

JUSTICE DAVID BREWER,

Called the Committee.

Mr. Morrill Wants Senate Financiers to Meet Thursday.

THE POLICY TO BE PURSUED

They Will Agree With Regard to the Bond and Tariff Bills—Chairman Dingley Intends to Correct Some Defects in the Tariff Law—Work to Be Outlined Next Week.

Owing to the request of the Republican members of the Finance Committee of the Senate, Mr. Voorhees, who will be its chairman until January 2, refrained from calling the meeting of that committee which had been contemplated this morning.

Both Mr. Morrill, the Republican who succeeds to the chairmanship, and Mr. Sherman, the ranking Republican member, requested Mr. Voorhees not to call the meeting, for the reason that the new members added to the committee could not take their seats under the resolution until Thursday.

ISSUED A CALL.

Mr. Morrill this morning, after conference with the other Republican members of the committee, decided to issue a call for a special meeting next Thursday, at which time the general situation will be canvassed.

The Finance Committee of the Senate expects to agree Thursday upon the policy to be pursued with regard to the bond and tariff bill in the Senate. It is not unlikely that both measures may be reported next week.

Chairman Dingley of the Ways and Means Committee will not leave Washington during the holiday recess. He has been so busy with his public work that his correspondence has fallen badly in arrears, and the intervening time between now and the reassembling of Congress will be necessary to complete it.

TO PREVENT UNDERVALUATION.

Mr. Dingley will not call the Ways and Means Committee together until the latter part of next week, at which time the subcommittee will be appointed and a program of work prepared.

One of the first matters which Mr. Dingley proposes bringing to the attention of the committee will be certain amendments to the administrative features of the present tariff law, with a view to preventing undervaluations of imports.

A strong necessity exists, Mr. Dingley says, for the correction of some of the defects in the administrative law, which will explain his purpose in giving it his early attention.

There are also other matters coming within the jurisdiction of the Ways and Means Committee, upon which action will be taken, but of these the chairman does not care to speak in detail at present.

FIGHTING FOR DURRANT.

Attorneys Are Still Attempting to Save the Murderer's Life.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Theodore Durrant's attorneys will not be ready with their bill of exceptions Thursday and will ask Judge Murphy for another postponement.

The bill will be a voluminous affair, and the attorneys have been busy with it for nearly a month.

They will state that they have been as industrious as possible, but could not prepare the bill in the time allowed.

Jury Must Try to Agree.

The jury in the case of Rosa Moody, charged with the larceny of a piano, came into court this morning and announced inability to agree. Justice Cole stated that he could not dismiss the panel. It seemed to him that the case was one upon which the jury might agree, and he did not remember to have ever discharged a jury without first obtaining a verdict. He preferred not to do so in this case. The jury is still wrestling with the problem.

It Was Proper to Kill Him.

Barstow, Ky., Dec. 31.—Mrs. J. W. Nally, Jr., was yesterday acquitted of the charge of murdering Frank Doherty, whom she killed in defense of her honor at her home near New Hope, December 20. On the stand Mrs. Nally testified that Doherty had previously made an objectionable proposal to her, but that she did not tell her husband for fear he would kill Doherty.

Amphitrite at Norfolk. Fort Monroe, Va., Dec. 31.—The monitor Amphitrite came down from Norfolk this morning and joined the squadron. The quarantine ship Jamestown got adrift during a heavy gale last night and fouled the New York, but did no damage to that vessel.

Boiler Explosion, Kills Three. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 31.—An exploding boiler at Laws Breaker, near Avoca, this morning killed Alexander Young, Thomas McDonald and Courtwright Wolff, all married men, and who were employed at the shaft.

Crocker's "Orange" State is especially opportune to them, as they are receiving shipments. Crocker's, 938 Pennsylvania avenue, northwest.

Madrid, Dec. 31.—Two thousand Spanish troops embarked at Cadix last night for Cuba.

Fitting. Dyerforth's tailors are adepts in making perfect fitting suits.

AGAINST THE RACE TRACK.

Citizens of Alexandria County Circulate Petitions of Protest.

The citizens of St. Elmo and Del Ray are thoroughly aroused over the race track and gambling house question, and are circulating in Alexandria county petitions which they propose to send to the legislature, praying that such laws may be enacted as will free the county from the lawless element which has been attracted by these resorts.

The surrounding property-holders are among the most vigorous protesters, as they declare that a continuation of the race track and gambling element within the county, in addition to depraving public morals and destroying the fair name of the State, must inevitably depreciate property values.

The citizens who are actively engaged in this campaign are sanguine of success, as they anticipate the active support of all law-abiding citizens of the county and State.

IT WAS A REAL BLIZZARD

Western New York Wind-Swept as Not Before for Years.

Lake Lashed to Fury, Waters Piled High in Niagara River and Much Damage Done.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Not since December, 1859, has Buffalo been wind-whipped as she is today. The storm reached here between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning, and the wind reached a velocity of sixty to seventy miles an hour.

The height of the storm was reached about 6 o'clock, when the wind was blowing seventy-two miles. Houses rocked, street signs were blown away, and telegraph and telephone wires torn down.

Fortunately the snow was light and street car traffic was not disturbed.

The muddy waters of Buffalo Creek were stirred into a sea and overtopped the levees of South Buffalo. At noon the storm shows no signs of abating.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The blizzard has done much damage here. At 8 o'clock this morning the river below the falls was over thirty feet higher than normal and the houses on the docks were submerged. The dock on the Canadian side was swept from its foundation and thrown high upon the bank. Many of the fishermen's boats along the river were washed away.

At noon the water appears to be subsiding. Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 31.—A big wind storm struck this city early this morning. At 5 o'clock the force of the wind was 51 miles an hour. Houses rocked and many lights of glass throughout the city were blown out. At 8 a. m. the wind had decreased to 25 miles, and although a heavy snow squall which still continues at 11 o'clock.

HER FIRST FALL FROM GRACE.

Thievish Cornelia Henderson Got Off Easily Because of That Fact.

Nannie Simpson, the thievish servant girl, who was arrested last week by Detectives Carter and Gallagher for robbing a number of houses where she secured employment for the purpose, not only got herself into trouble, but some of her wares have been lighted on the unfortunate head of Cornelia Henderson, a tall, good-looking mulatto girl, in the employ of Mr. Dingley, No. 1322 Rhode Island avenue, where Nannie made her last haul.

Cornelia associated with Nannie when the latter was servant there, and one day Nannie gave her two blankets to keep for her. Cornelia found out that the blankets belonged to Mrs. Coleman, one of the ladies in the house, but instead of returning them she appropriated the comforters to her own use, and hence her fall from grace.

Detective Gallagher arrested her, but upon representation by her lawyer that it was her first offense, and that she would plead guilty, Judge Miller imposed a fine of \$10, which was paid.

POLICEMEN STOOD HIGH.

Examination Papers of Recent Applicants Marked This Morning.

The papers of eight policemen, examined under civil service rules yesterday, were looked over and marked this morning.

Six out of the eight passed. The percentage of one was 92 1/2 and the others were very high.

The questions asked were based upon the police manual. Each candidate was furnished with a copy of this little forty-page pamphlet, and was permitted to study it as long as he chose before presenting himself for examination.

These papers, returned to Chief Clerk Sylvester, show the result of his work. Scarcely one of them was not correct, and with edges worn away by much thumbing. This accounts for the unusually high percentage of applicants successful in the examination.

JUSTICE PECKHAM COMING.

He Will Take Up His Residence Here This Week.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Justice Peckham is expected to file his resignation as chief justice of the New York court of appeals this week.

He will leave for Washington, with his family this week and take up his residence at the Arlington Hotel, pending the securing of a house there.

He will meet with the United States court at its next term.

Western Union Scorched at Newark.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 31.—The cable room of the Western Union Telegraph Company's new building at Broad and Market streets was burned out at 1:15 o'clock this morning, cutting off all communication with New York and Philadelphia. An electric light wire crossing one of the Western Union company's wires caused the fire, which destroyed all the cables and the interior furnishings of the room.

Rode the Goat Too Roughly.

Paduosa, Ky., Dec. 31.—Yesterday J. A. Caldwell, a farmer, has instituted in the circuit court a suit for damages against seven members of the American Protective Association. The plaintiff states that on January 23 he went through initiation of the order and was handled so roughly that his right leg was broken.

Today's Revenue Receipts.

The receipts from internal revenue today were \$251,796; from customs, \$334,435; and miscellaneous, \$18,252. The national bank notes received today for redemption amounted to \$373,255.

More Food for Fever.

Madrid, Dec. 31.—Two thousand Spanish troops embarked at Cadix last night for Cuba.

WANT UNCLE SAM'S BONDS

London Syndicate Ready With a Favorable Proposal.

NEW YORK IS ALSO WILLING

German Banks of the First Class Stand Ready to Take Up Two Hundred Millions of Dollars, But Express Some Doubt Whether They Will Be Able to Secure It.

London, Dec. 31.—The United Press has been enabled to obtain from British bankers and financiers additional information concerning the plans in London regarding the proposed new American loan, which shows that the price of the loan made to the syndicate will be the same as that of the last loan, or, at least, only slightly less favorable to the United States government.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The United States embassy here has received a number of offers from German banking firms of the first class to take \$200,000,000 of the proposed new American loan at 3 3/4 per cent interest.

It is reported here that the United States Treasury will take only 3 per cent, or, at the most, 3 1/2.

The Deutsch Bank is an anxious offerer for the loan. Some firms profess to believe that there will be an exclusive tender for the loan within the confines of the United States.

WILL KEEP THE BONDS.

New York Bankers Ready to Take All The Area Offered.

New York, Dec. 31.—Evidences are accumulating that the price of a new bond issue will not be much longer delayed. There are also indications that the loan will be for \$100,000,000, and that the government reserves the right to sell an additional \$100,000,000.

The belief that a contract has been made with New York bankers is also borne out by the filing of applications for participation in the syndicate with J. P. Morgan & Co. today.

This firm, in conjunction with August Belmont & Co., handled the February loan. The buying of gold continues, and the premium is 3-4/8 per cent. The demand, as of late, comes principally