

THE TEHUANTEPEC ROAD

THE MOST STUPENDOUS JOB NOW BEFORE CONGRESS.

John Kelly's "History of Politics"—Gen. Wheeler's Bill for a Turnpike from Memphis.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—The House of Representatives today passed the bill for a turnpike from Memphis to the Gulf of Mexico.

John Kelly is writing a history of American politics, into which he is putting many personal reminiscences.

The talk here is that the city will be soon supplied with a "Zoo." There is no place which is better fitted for an institution of this kind, or where it would be better supported.

A project is on foot to revive the Casino. It will be remembered that the property was bought and the foundation laid for a casino about four years ago, but the building never reached the first story.

It is now proposed to raise \$200,000 to complete the structure. Some of the wealthiest business men in the city are interested in the proposition, and it is not unlikely to succeed.

It is said that Tiffany, the New York jeweler, will open an establishment here next winter.

Washington trade is steadily increasing, and many of the great establishments in New York are now represented here.

Tiffany will locate in the new building now being erected for the Baltimore Sun, which is to cost \$125,000, and to be seven stories high.

Gath says the composition of this Cabinet is not much to the liking of the West and South.

The South has been greatly disappointed in Mr. Bayard, and they have found him rather more puritan than the Fortians.

The same writer says of Mr. Lamy: He is perhaps the most popular and accessible member of the Cabinet.

He is almost the only man in the Cabinet of general and discursive reading, with some imagination and enthusiasm.

The lovers of baseball in Washington are rejoiced that the status of the national baseball club is finally fixed.

It is definitely set out, and from present indications the season is likely to be a most interesting one.

Congress will probably be here until early in August, and it contains many baseball enthusiasts.

The Board of Directors of the National are in communication with several well-known baseball experts relative to a manager.

Mr. Murnan, whose reputation as a player and a manager is world-wide, is likely to be the man.

A novel entertainment is now in operation here. It is called "Jahrmarkt" (annual market in provincial Germany).

All the attendants are dressed in German costume, and German music sounds through the halls.

Among the scenes are the Schiller House at Harbach, automatic wonders and costly and beautiful curiosities.

The features of the entertainment are a new departure in Washington, and its novelty will add to its success.

The fair being held for the benefit of a church fund.

Mr. Rounds, the Public Printer, is getting some free advertising from Washington correspondents.

He is using every endeavor to tickle the ribs of the administration. Lately he has been making quite a number of Democratic appointments.

The correspondent of the Birmingham (Ala.) Age says: "The President has been searching the printing and publishing houses everywhere for a proper and capable successor of Mr. Linn."

The lobby of the Public Printer, with unusual strength. Many of the schemes it proposes for Congressional action are most gigantic.

This method of making money, while not very diversified, is certainly profitable, or at least it has been in the past.

It is not to be supposed, however, that the people will tolerate much longer the stupendous jobs which have been enacted into law.

IMPUDENT LEGISLATION.

WHAT HORRIFIES MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE.

The Contest Between the Rival Memphis Railroads—Important Legislation.

JACKSON, Miss., February 12.—The two houses of the Legislature having adjourned last week for the trip to Columbus, there failed to be enough members in either house to form a quorum on Saturday, the day to which they adjourned.

On Monday there was a full attendance of both houses, and each went to work in dead earnest. Each house has passed a number of bills of their own, but very few of a general character have as yet been enacted into laws.

It is a notable and noteworthy fact that this Legislature is giving more careful consideration to the bills brought before it than was ever before done by a Mississippi Legislature since reconstruction.

Heretofore bills have been hurried through without much consideration, and often, very often, without reading. Hence, many bad laws have crept unawares, as it were, on the statute books.

In this connection there was an amusing occurrence in the Senate yesterday. A bill came up on its passage, repealing a most objectionable act passed in 1884.

The reading of the act proposed to be repealed was called for, and when read all were startled at its provisions, including most of the Senate looking over and who were responsible for its passage.

Some, who are specially watchful over the legislation to see that no snakes creep in, and who were members of the Senate when the bill passed, asked with unfeigned astonishment if it were possible that such a law was on the statute book?

Most all give some excuse, such as being absent when the bill was passed, etc., etc. The truth is, said bill had passed the Senate without being read.

At this session the entire bill has prevailed to refer all bills to proper committees, where they are closely and carefully examined, and after being reported back to the Senate, they are read and discussed and well considered before final action thereon.

The fight between the Memphis, Birmingham and Atlantic City Company and the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham Company, has been long, tedious and acrimonious.

It terminated to-day by the passage by the House of the charter of incorporation of the latter road as passed in the Senate, with restrictions imposed at the instigation of the interest of the former company.

Each of said companies were championed here by distinguished and worthy citizens of your city, all of whom have been active, earnest and energetic in their respective interests.

Each one has conducted his cause on a dignified, gentlemanly and elevated plane and never stooped to small things.

We of Mississippi hope that both roads will be built, and bid each company good speed in the construction and completion of their respective roads.

A bill was passed and approved by the Governor giving authority to the Levee Commissioners of the lower Levee District to issue bonds to the amount of \$200,000 for levee purposes.

This is a bill pending in the Senate authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$500,000 by the Commissioners of the upper or Yazoo-Mississippi Delta District.

This last measure provides for the annual levy of a cotton tax to secure the payment of the bonds.

This feature of the bill, if it is passed, will be warmly contended. The people in the Delta are divided on the policy of a cotton tax.

While all recognize the great benefit to the whole State to be derived from a judicious and efficient levee system, yet the members from what are termed the hill counties desire to intermeddle with the plan and operations proposed for the construction and maintenance of the levees.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

EX-MAYOR JONATHAN SCOVILLE.

A Buffalo millionaire, has sent his tailor for making a suit of broad cloth, and to the amount of \$500. Some of this money was very old, dating as far back as 1878.

It is said that B. F. Warder of Springfield, O., the millionaire manufacturer of mills and agricultural implements, will soon build the finest house in Washington.

Some of the ladies of Cincinnati presented a purse of \$15 to the wife of the Rev. Sam Jones, last week, in appreciation of the celebrated slave case tried in the ladies only.

J. T. SUNDRELL, who lives near Keokuk, Putnam county, Ia., while plowing a row of trees, struck a man's head to the amount of \$500. Some of this money was very old, dating as far back as 1878.

H. P. MILLS, president of the General Association of the State of New York, has just passed his seventy-ninth birthday, and being unusually healthy, proposes to give his next birthday to take a pleasure ride with the Hill at Albany.

SENATOR CALLOU of Florida pronounced the statement that he offered John G. Squire the seat of the United States Senate, after first finding out that he had not accepted, and that the law required it would be unwise to offer it to a man who would not accept it.

CAPT. J. G. R. ADAMS, the Sergeant-at-Arms, is confined at home by illness. His many friends will regret to learn that he is threatened with a reopening of his wound. It is sincerely hoped by all that will not occur, and that by rest, Adams will soon be entirely well again, and able to attend to his duties at the State House.

ELDER THOMAS PARKER DUDLEY of Lexington, Ky., is said to be the oldest testifier in America. He is ninety-two years old, blind, and very feeble. He has been blind since 1820, and has been in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Kansas, Missouri, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and New Jersey.

The situation of old Moneybags, who dies knowing that two or three suitors were hovering about, anxious to marry his young daughter, is about as follows: "I can't see, says the Lawton Journal, as that of Moneybags, who is about as old as I am, and who is a Democrat, always making plans to go for the collectorship after having plausibly talked there was a man with one voice, and the speech was ended.

M. DE LEROUX, says the London Paris correspondent "I have been known to hear of the death of a friend at Bordeaux, to look at his watch, like to intermeddle with the plan and operations proposed for the construction and maintenance of the levees, but wish to leave the same to those more directly interested. If, however, they should be divided among themselves, the bill members will have to decide between them.

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Gen. Vertner was a man of fine scholarly attainments and highly accomplished and polished. He was a genial, generous and noble gentleman, and a most worthy, honorable, and wholly unselfish member of the Senate, to society, to the bar and to the whole State.

The several Masonic grand lodges held their annual sessions here this week. Chancellor B. T. Kimbrough of Oxford, who was made grand master of Grand Lodge, the grand master in every way worthy of the high and distinguished honor thus conferred upon him.

Masonry in Mississippi ranks high. There are found among its veterans men of the first talent and of the highest grade of moral and social standing in every profession, trade and business.

The Legislature, the Grand Lodge and the Federal Court have filled our city during the week and taxed the capacity of the hotels and boarding-houses.

Another first-class hotel is much needed here. The city is growing steadily and substantially in population, in business and in wealth. Give us the Gulf and Ship Island railroad and extend the Natchez, Jackson and Columbus railroad so as to connect with the coal and iron fields of Alabama (all of which are probably ready in the near future) and we will take new bounds in progress and improvement.

"THESE ARE MY JEWELS." "These men ornaments, sent," he said. The jewels were of the most valuable. As her two sons she bequeathed to her side. And fondly placed a hand on each young man's forehead.

Ab's heart contained no jewels rare that shed such light as in those lustrous eyes could be seen.

And with their riches she was satisfied. Nor coveted the richest gems instead. A mother of the drooping, many a tear had shed the words that with consummate art.

Thus she uttered a question of the guest: For many a mother has with pride confessed her jewels that she doth prize so dearly prize. Around the table, with her children's eyes.

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