

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Federal Election Bill—Senator Quay's Resolution.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 22, 1890. The President just now occupies a position that cannot be seriously taxed the good sense which he has shown since he showed himself to be largely endowed with it. It is to him that the rank and file of the Republican party look for a settlement of the unfortunate difference of opinion that has arisen among the Republican Senators.

Meanwhile, Senator Hoar, who is leading those who favor the passing of both the tariff and Federal Election Bills is by no means idle. Telegrams to absent Republican Senators have been sent, urging them to return at once, and it is not impossible that another caucus will be held before the matter is finally settled; and if a full attendance can be secured it is probable that Mr. Quay's resolution may be defeated, but if he can get it voted upon by the Senate before the caucus meets, and if the Democrats support him it will be adopted.

Speaker Reed, while deeply regretting the turn which things have taken in the Senate, will do nothing to prolong the session in order to force the Senate to act on the Federal Election bill. He says that he has done his duty and if the Senate refuses to do likewise lots of its members answer for it to their constituents.

The President has so far taken no side in the dispute though it is pretty well known that he favored the Federal Election bill, and his friends are trying to get him to go "somewhat" to their aid, while his opponents are equally as persistent in asking him to keep his hands off. Mr. Quay and nearly every republican who is expected to vote for his resolution says that they favor the Election bill, but believe it to be impossible to pass both the tariff and the bill at this session, and they regard the tariff bill as the most important.

The Senate devoted Friday and Saturday to a discussion of the River and Harbor bill which was passed. It contained many important amendments.

The House had a time last week on account of the absence of a quorum about half the time. The prospect now is that the attendance this week will be larger and the delays fewer.

It is good news to active republicans to know that Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson, whose right to be called a political boss has been fully proven, is after September 1st, when he resigns his present office, to take an active part in the management of the Republican Congressional Campaign committee. That committee has elected Representative Carter, of Montana, Secretary and Edward C. O'Brien, of New York, at present laboring clerk of the House, Treasurer. The committee proposes to make a winning fight.

Secretary Windom has issued orders that the prices paid for silver, under the new law, shall be made public on the days of purchase. This spoiled a lot of democratic thump.

Senator Plumb has offered an amendment to the tin plate schedule of the tariff bill, which is now being debated, to allow the duty on tin plate to remain as at present and to give a bounty of 1 cent a pound on tin plate manufactured in the United States.

THE HUB.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 18, '90. Mrs. E. Johnson, daughter of Prof. J. Hugo Johnston, president of the V. N. & C. L., Petersburg, Va., is in the city, the guest of Mrs. C. Hopson, No. 30 Phillips St.

Mrs. R. K. Jones is stopping with friends in Cambridge, Mass.

The city has been crowded all the past week with veterans and visitors to the G. A. R. Reunion. Robert A. Bell Post had their hall very tastefully decorated for the occasion. Quite a number were entertained by them.

Mrs. Louisa Sears, the wife of Mr. Wilson Sears departed this life last Saturday evening, August 22nd, at 8 o'clock, at her late residence, 25 Park Street. The funeral services took place from the Charles Street Church last Monday, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Rev. P. Smith officiated, assisted by Rev. Hurley, pastor of the above named church. There was a large attendance. Deceased was a faithful member of the church, and a member of St. P. B. Church. She leaves a host of friends to mourn their loss.

The Lawn Party given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson at West Newton, Mass., was quite a success, and a neat little sum was realized.

The Concert, piano and melon feast given at, and for the benefit of St. P. B. Church was well attended.

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THE CONDITION OF THINGS IN CONGRESS.

Langston Unjustly Kept out of his Seat—The Federal Election Bill.

The present session of Congress is very long and tedious and yet things that should have been done months ago are still lingering. The trouble seems to be, now, the unavoidable absence of so many Republican representatives. If any business of importance to the Republican party is neglected, is not the Republicans to be blamed?

There are several Republican elects whose cases have been favorably reported and still the Democrats hold the seats voting against every measure that is in accord with the principles of the Republican party. The delay in seating Langston cannot be redounded to any good to the Republican Party. Langston ought to have been seated four months ago. About that time his case was reported and he should have been seated immediately, for then all the Republican members were present. But instead of that it has been put off and put off until it is nearly time for Congress to adjourn and the Democrat holds the seat by fraud, drawing a salary that should be appropriated to other purposes.

We heartily endorse the action of the House of Representatives in passing the Election bill, such a measure is of urgent demand to secure fair and honest elections and we sincerely hope that the Senate will soon pass the bill; but we think that the sincerity of the Republicans in denouncing fraudulent elections and making provisions to prohibit the same, would have been better shown had they first reminded the wrongs under which the people were already burdened by ousting every Democrat and seating without DELAY, every Republican who was elected.

If the House of Representatives had done this, it would have demonstrated to the country that it would not tolerate fraudulent elections, and the passage of the Federal Election Bill would have been a means to verify the fact. It seems to us that this bill will do very little good in accomplishing fair elections when the voters of the country are aware of the fact that the House which passed this bill allows a Republican to knock four months after the committee has declared him fairly elected and fail to make a move to admit him.

Is this the treatment we are to receive at the hands of the Republican party to which we have always been loyal? How long! Oh how long shall we be held in suspense? How long will justice be delayed? How much longer will honest members of the House of Representatives of this great nation allow men, who actually stole a seat in Congress, to remain there and receive the public money unjustly? For God sake give our representative the seat to which we have elected him and out of which he has been kept so long.

A Change Of Churches.

MANGOHICK, KING WILLIAM CO., VA., August 17, 1890.

Rev. E. C. Thompson, formerly of the Richmond Theological Seminary who was ordained January 1, 1889, to take pastoral charge of Jericho Baptist Church of Caroline County, Va., is now called to serve the Mangohick Baptist Church of King William County, Virginia.

Installation sermon was preached by Rev. William Troy of the City of Richmond, pastor of Sharon Bapt. Church, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Elder Troy took the stand and proceeded to preach from Titus 1:5, "Set in order the things that are wanting."

Being an experienced and able divine, elder Troy preached an eloquent sermon and warmed the hearts of all who heard him. Rev. E. C. Thompson having been installed as pastor of the above named church, announced that our protracted meetings will begin with this days service. Brethren expected to assist Rev. Troy, A. Gordon, Harvey Johnson, Silvas Miles, and W. W. Harris, B. D. There is prospect of a good time in the service of the Lord, and the addition of souls to Christ's Kingdom.

The Mangohick Baptist church numbers about four members, they have been pleased at the selection of their new minister and general harmony prevailed in the choir.

Rev. E. C. Thompson is a good preacher and belongs to the forward ranks of those who are working for the improvement of our race. He enters his charge with great cheerfulness of heart and the best wishes of many friends.

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Beaten by Men of His Own Race for Publishing Things About Them.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., August 18, [Special.]—An attempt was made to assassinate L. H. Harrison, colored editor and publisher of the Office, a weekly paper published in the interest of his race. He was knocked on the head with a piece of iron by a colored man named Sutton and badly injured.

Ten days ago a small german was given by colored society people. In the next issue of his paper Harrison charged that certain colored men carried women of doubtful character to the ball and danced with them. For this he claims to have been threatened with bodily harm. In this week's paper he followed up the article with the names of the men and women, and denounced them in severe terms, at the same time mentioning the threats and announcing that he was prepared to defend himself.

After to day's assault Harrison applied to the mayor and chief of police for protection, which was given him. It is said that several colored men are looking for him, and have threatened to kill him on sight.

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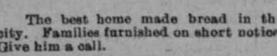
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