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TOO MUCH BY MILLIONS

Surprising Figures That Will Call the Turn on Congress.

Land Offices for Montana—Looking Into the Everlasting Question of the Civil Service.

Special to the Standard.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Senator Plumb has reported without amendment Mr. Carter's bill to create additional land offices at Missoula and Lewistown. The bill will probably be passed in a few days. Mr. Carter says he received fifteen applications for the two places at Missoula and eight for the Lewistown places. He looks for more applications. No recommendations have yet been made for anybody. The places will probably not be filled until an appropriation has been made for the expense of both offices.

Republicans on the appropriations committee in the house have been footing up the probable appropriations for the session and figure out a total of \$550,000,000. That is \$165,000,000 in excess of Windom's estimates and would confront the country with a deficit in 1891. The report attacks the ways and means committee which is preparing a bill to reduce the revenue sixty millions a year. Pensions will probably cost \$140,000,000 by June 30, 1891.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The three civil service commissioners, Frank Hatton, editor of the Washington Post, which made the charges against the commission, and a number of other gentlemen were present when the house committee on the reform of the civil service this evening began its investigation. Commissioner Lyman testified that his brother-in-law, A. C. Campbell, had received several promotions, one of them in April, 1889, when the witness was sole commissioner. Campbell did not pass any examination for promotion, commissioners' clerk not being required to do so. In January or February, Commissioner Oberley called the witness' attention to the fact that examination questions were being furnished to outsiders. The next day he discovered that these questions were in Campbell's handwriting, and at the witness' suggestion the chief examiner made an investigation and found the questions had not been used. Campbell had copied them for a lady friend in the pension office who had come to him for assistance in passing the examination for promotion. The witness did not know any way to help her except he might give her a set of questions formerly used in the examination for promotion. The witness placed the matter in Oberley's hands as it would have been manifestly improper for the witness to do so in the case of respect to the criticisms made growing out of the witness' daughter making application to take a civil service examination before she had received legal acknowledgment. His daughter's application was made before the rule reducing the age of applicants was adopted, but the examination did not take place until after the change had been made. In response to a member of the committee, Lyman said that Oberley's investigation was a charge against Campbell, stated it was merely an offense against the technical discipline of the office involving no turpitude and that a reprimand would be sufficient punishment.

Commissioner Roosevelt said when he learned of the Campbell matter Commissioner Thompson and himself had conducted an inquiry into the matter, and after learning Oberley had continued Campbell in office, they had concluded they were not justified in reopening the case. He said he had seen the editorial in the Washington Post containing the charges against the commissioner and said so far as they affected the present commission they were unfounded falsehoods. Commissioner Thompson corroborated the statements of Roosevelt concerning Campbell. The committee adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

A Young Man With Three Wives.
CANANDAUA, N. Y., Feb. 19.—William Hines, aged 29, has just been jailed at Genesee, Livingston county, for bigamy. At the age of 21 he married Mary Parks in Buffalo. He deserted her a year later and married Lizzie Nahagan, with whom he lives for five years, near Naples, Ont., and by whom he had three children in 1888. He then married a Mrs. Wilbur, aged 16, of Springwater, Livingston county, and married her. He was arranging to settle with his third bride in the same town where he deserted his second, but the neighbors indignantly drove him away. He was indicted for bigamy, but fled. He was captured in South Ansony, N. J.

Presidential Appointments.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The president to-day sent to the senate the following nominations: Registers of land offices: Albert Dixon, Susanville, Cal.; Edwin Vande, Salt Lake City, Utah; Lewis Dallas, Ore.; Cash M. Day, Lewistown, Idaho; Winfield S. Coburn, Roswell, N. M.; Alfred M. Strong, Spokane Falls, Wash.; John W. Martin, Fresno, Calif.; Webster L. Stabler, agent of the Yukon Indian agency, Wash.; John Kelly, supervisor of census, First district of Oregon.

Due Their Own Graves.
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—According to a London cable Shanghai dispatches give details of the wholesale execution of criminals in Peking recently with the usual ceremonies. Nine were beheaded and five hanged. The prisoners were compelled to dig graves for their own bodies. After execution the bodies were stretched on each a large paper giving the name and crime of the condemned. Later the bodies were exposed to the prey of carrion birds.

Railroad Trouble at Spokane.
SPOKANE FALLS, Feb. 19.—The bondholders of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railway applied for injunction against the delivery of any more bonds and stocks of that company to the Seattle & Eastern construction company for the appointment of a receiver of both companies and a decree declaring the construction contract fraudulent and void.

They Will Agree.
DES MOINES, Feb. 19.—The democrats and republicans in the house expect to reach an agreement this afternoon.

A BISHOP ON TRIAL.

His Friends Say That Envy is Back of the Whole Business.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 19.—Bishop Randolph Dubs of the Evangelical association was placed on trial to-day at Salem church for conduct unbecoming a Christian. Fifteen clergymen constitute the trial committee and Bishops Esler and Bowman of Chicago are present. The charges against Bishop Dubs are that he is accused by Rev. P. Fitzgerald of Buffalo and E. B. Esler, son of the bishop, with having falsified a telegram which he sent several years ago, referring to church business, and that on two occasions he was familiar in his conduct toward two women—nothing remaining being charged however. The Evangelical association has many churches in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and the Northwest. Dubs has always been popular and his friends declare that envy is back of the present trial. The investigation to-day is being made behind closed doors, and Dubs was requested to deny for certain the falsification of the telegram and refused. He entered a protest against the admission of written testimony unless he was given the privilege of cross-examining the witnesses. He was refused and as witnesses were not here, Bishop Dubs then withdrew, declaring the investigation should proceed without his presence inasmuch as he was not a party to the charges. His friends say that the charges are false and have no foundation whatever.

IN THE SENATE.
The Alleged Excessive Freight Rates Will Be Investigated.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—In the senate to-day among the bills reported from committees and placed on the calendar were the following:
For the inspection of meats for exportation, and prohibiting the importation of adulterated articles of food and drink.
For the relief of women enrolled as army nurses.
Cullom, from the inter-state commerce committee, reported a preamble and resolution respecting the allegation that by reason of an excessive freight rate on lines of railroad in the Rocky mountain country, and the principal food distributing centers in the east, it is unable to market its food products and obtain for them actual cost of production, and directing the committee to investigate such allegation and report to the senate whether such rates are reasonable or whether a reduction of such rates is prevented or hindered by reason of any act, or whether a more stringent enforcement of the act is practicable and would remedy the evil complained of. The resolution was agreed to.

A resolution heretofore offered calling on the attorney general for information as to the attorney general's office, deputy United States marshal in Northern district, Florida, was taken up.
Pasco proceeded to address the senate in explanation of the facts and circumstances of the case.
Without concluding his speech on the educational bill, Blair yielded for an executive session, after which the senate adjourned.

A Compromise Effected.
DES MOINES, Feb. 19.—The deadlock which has existed in the lower house of the Iowa legislature for nearly six weeks was finally ended this evening, a compromise proposition being agreed upon. The democrats got the speaker and second assistant clerk. Republicans get the speaker pro tem and all the other offices, as well as the chairmanships of most of the important committees. The republicans have first choice of five committees, the democrats second choice for one, the others to be chosen alternately. The house met this evening and Hamilton (democrat) was selected speaker. Silas Wilson was chosen speaker pro tem. After the election of minor officials the house adjourned until to-morrow, when the session to canvass the gubernatorial vote will be held.

The Canadian Parliament.
OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—The dominion government will appoint a commission to inquire into the truth of the statement that a white child of an American officer killed in the recent Indian raid in the western states is at present in possession of the Canadian Black-foot Indians. It was stated in parliament yesterday that a parliamentary investigation showed the child to be of Indian birth.
In the house of commons last night an amendment to the language bill, which French as the official language was lost. The amendment was that affairs remain as they are.

Against Completing It.
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The board of engineers sent out by the French government to inspect and report on the condition of the Panama canal and the advisability of continuing operations on it having completed their report, they decline to say what their report will be but from the general tenor of their talk it is assumed that they will advise against the further prosecution of the work.

A Hearing Begun.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The house committee on agriculture to-day began the hearing of persons on the Conger and Butterworth bills to regulate the manufacture and sale of a compound lard taxing the production thereof, the tax to be collected by the internal revenue bureau.

A Letter from the President.
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—President Harrison has written a letter to J. M. Thurston, president of the republican club league, expressing regret at not being able to accept an invitation to attend the annual convention of the league at Nashville, March 4 next, and approving of the league and its objects.

Work of a Wretch.
HYATTSVILLE, Md., Feb. 19.—Thomas Lee besought his wife who left him some time ago on account of his bad conduct, to return to him. She refused to return to him, whereupon Lee threw a pot of boiling water over her, scalding her badly, and then cut her fatally with a knife. The wretch then cut his own throat from ear to ear.

Russia Demands Payment.
SOFIA, Feb. 19.—Russia has demanded of the government of Bulgaria the payment of 3,000,000 roubles, arrears money due on account of the Russian occupation during 1878 and 1879. The demand is a part related to the consolidation, under the government of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia. Russia has never pressed the debt, but demands the arrears now, apparently under a sense of irritation.

The Report Adopted.
ALBANY, Feb. 19.—The world's fair conference report was adopted in the assembly.
The senate this afternoon agreed to the conference report. The bill now goes to the governor, who has announced he will sign it.
The senate this afternoon passed the ballot reform bill.

Sunk in a Collision.
LONDON, Feb. 19.—The steamer Highgate collided with the ship Sovereign in a fog off Lundy island to-day and sank. Thirteen of the persons on board the steamer at the time of the collision have landed. A boat containing six others is missing.

English Land Bill.
LONDON, Feb. 19.—The new land purchase bill will not be limited to \$100,000,000. It will provide for combining landed estates, the court and land commission into a single tribunal, for the settlement of all land disputes, and will simplify and cheapen the transfer of land.

AT THE HOMESTAKE PASS

Mrs. Omo Kills a Man Probably in Self-Defense.

Meagre Particulars of the Murder Reached Butte at Midnight. Deputy Sheriff Goes to the Scene.

By the Standard's special wire.
BUTTE, Feb. 19.—W. O. Thompson, who lives on Blacktail creek, reached this city about 11:30 o'clock to-night, announcing a murder in that vicinity. He knew little of the particulars but said that Charles Omo, who was one of the witnesses in the famous Tunnel precinct case, came to him and said that his wife had killed a man. It seems that Mrs. Omo was insulted by a man whose name Thompson had not learned. There was a row and a gun was procured, but it was not learned whether it was obtained by Mrs. Omo or the man. A shot was fired at Mrs. Omo and hit her across between the knee and hip, not causing a wound. Mrs. Omo, it seems, then obtained the gun and shot and killed her assailant. She wishes to go home herself and Thompson according came to Butte for an officer. Deputy Sheriff Nichols left for the scene immediately. The place is about one and a half miles south of the Homestake Tunnel, and the east fork of the Blacktail.

Women Suffragists Have a Meeting.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A meeting of the National American Women's Suffrage association to-day reports were received of the progress of the cause in various states. The topic for the morning was the "Attitude of the association toward political parties." Addresses were made by Mrs. S. C. B. D. D. D., William Dudley Foulks of Indiana, Mrs. Troy Toledo, Rev. Olympia Brown of Wisconsin and others. The general sentiment was that the association should urge its rights of manhood upon all political parties, but should enter into alliances with none.

Carrie Chapman, of Iowa, opened the evening session by a reading of a political bosses and corruption in politics. It was time, she said, that intelligence and morality were made the requisites of suffrage.
"Woman's influence in the official government" was the topic of Phoebe W. Johns, of Missouri, who detailed her experience with the government. She declared, was due partly to the fact that she was a woman, and partly to a political combination.

An Excellent Place for Them.
CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Gen. George Crook has just arrived from an extended trip through Indian territory. The general had never visited Fort Sumner, the proposed future home of the Apache Indians and wanted to satisfy himself as to the nature of the country, its climate, and the United States troops down there. "There is no great amount of sickness there. Of course that section of the country is not a paradise, but it is not nearly so bad as described. It would make a most excellent reservation for Geronimo and his band." "Did you ascertain that the Indians do not know whether they would be pleased to receive as neighbors the Apaches now sojourning in Florida?" "Everybody thinks the scheme practical and wise. No one will offer any objection, I think. I shall redouble my exertions to have Fort Still selected as the place to quarter the Apaches."

Thought to Be Fool Play.
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—Charles Vail was arrested this afternoon on a warrant sworn out at St. Charles, charging him with the murder of his wife, Fanny Vail. The case is one which caused considerable sensation last week. Vail had his wife's life insured in several companies, aggregating nearly \$150,000 and took her to St. Charles on a visit, and when about to return, she was fatally wounded by the discharge of a revolver, which he claimed was in his overcoat pocket, and struck against the wheel of the wagon as he was getting in. The case was brought to public notice by the missing money has been found. Freshmen are meditating revenge on the sophs.

Made Good the Deficit.
WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 19.—The large tobacco factory of Bloch Bros., was taken possession of yesterday by revenue officers, the proprietors being charged with evading the government duty on cigars by selling overweight packages. Internal Revenue Commissioner Mason arrived this morning from Washington, and a long conference was held with the firm. At its conclusion Commissioner Mason informed an Associated Press representative that the firm had satisfied the government's claim and would resume business at once. The revenue officers had a right to inquire as to the character of the talesmen summoned or about to be summoned, only if the firm had a right to the seven men indicted.

Parental Objections Fruitless.
HIGGINSVILLE, Mo., Feb. 19.—For some time Lee Weekly, a baggage man on the Missouri Pacific, living at Sweet Springs, had wooed Miss Ella Ligon, but her parents objected to his attentions. This morning she went to the depot to meet a letter and was induced to enter a closed carriage and was driven to Aulville, where she boarded a freight train and went to Sweet Springs. There Weekly met her and they drove to Marshall, where they were married. Mrs. Weekly is just 18 and is a beautiful young lady. Her father is connected with the coal mines near the city.

Hismark to Resign.
BERLIN, Feb. 19.—An extra force of police is on duty in all the principal thoroughfares to-morrow in consequence of the apprehension of disorder due to the elections. The *Freisinnige Zeitung* says Hismark has ordered an inventory made of his personal effects in his ministerial residence in view of his resignation and retirement. Semi-official papers indicate Boetticher as the prince's successor.

Failed to Identify Him.
CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—J. B. Kelly, the alleged Cronin suspect arrested at St. Louis yesterday, arrived here to-night. Mrs. Cronin and Frank Scanlan utterly failed to identify him as the man who drove Cronin away from the house. Other witnesses will be given an opportunity to-morrow to see if he is identical with the long looked for "Simonds."

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HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

An Assistant Secretary of War—The Oklahoma Bill Under Consideration.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—In the house to-day the military committee called up the senate bill authorizing the president to confer the brevet rank upon army officers for gallant services in the Indian campaigns since 1867. Passed.

The house went into a committee of the whole on the bill to provide for the appointment of an assistant secretary of war. After some debate the bill was favorably reported and the Oklahoma bill taken up.

Hooker gave notice he would move to strike out all of the bills of section 25, providing a judicial system for the Indian territory. He said the bills proposed a grand robbery, equalled in the history of a civil section only by the spoliation of Poland.

Washington declared that the bill violated no property rights of the Indians, and in his opinion there could be no greater civilization than that which would leave 30,000 people in a territory without any government at all.

Perkins said that there was not a single provision in the bill that infringed the rights of Indians.
Morey said that the bill should include all of the Indian Territory; there was no necessity of providing for a commission territory. The Cherokee were the only nation objecting to the extension of the territorial lines of Oklahoma and it was a significant fact that not an Indian appeared to protest. The men who had appeared before the committee protesting against including the Cherokee lands in the Indian territory were all white men. Springfield, Mo., has a bill to give the absolute right of the government to the land embraced within the Oklahoma lines. He said there was not an Indian living on the land and the land was leased to a cattle company. At this point the committee rose and the house adjourned.

Marshal Mitchell's Report.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The report of United States Marshal Mitchell of Florida, regarding the recent killing of Deputy Marshal Sanders of that state, was made public to-day. It is substantially the same story as given in the despatches on the night of the killing, being in substance that Sanders was sent out on a drive by two men named McFarlin and Mitchell, the former of whom he had before that time had trouble over the serving of writs. In the afternoon Mitchell brought back Saunders' dead body, but would make no statement as to who did the killing, beyond saying it was committed by McFarlin and Mitchell. Mitchell had heard in the morning report that an attempt was to be made to kill some of the party, and had warned the party to be on their guard. After the murder he received an intimation that it would be well for himself and Langford to leave town and they did so that night.

The members of the legislature, politics aside, are glad to reach the end of the session. The problem now is, how will the situation be changed in the next legislature?

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 19.—The sheriff of Holt county passed through St. Joseph to-day leaving in charge Timmie Fee, a murderer, who was captured last Tuesday in the Ozark mountains. Fee murdered William Throp last April while the two were working in the woods together, and then returned to his home and built a bush fire and, throwing the remains on it, left them there to burn to ashes.

Some years ago Fee was arrested in Iowa for the forgery of a \$200 check and there is now an indictment against him in Holt county for the forgery of a \$20 check.

Champion Wing Shot.
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 19.—George C. Beck of Indianapolis to-day won from the American field champion wing shot from Erb, who was won over from Harold of Iowa. Beck got 49 out of 50 birds, missing the 40th. Erb's score was 45.

Dinner of the Ohio Society.
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The fifth annual dinner of the Ohio society to-night was largely attended. General Swayne, General Bewing, Chauncey Dewey and others spoke. Many letters of regrets were received.

Increasing Its Capital.
TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 19.—The American Cottonseed Oil company filed articles to-day increasing its capital from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19.—Charles J. Harrah, the millionaire Brazilian railroad contractor, here last night.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Louise Thibault, who it is said left here with DeWitt Sillcott, has returned to the city.
PATERSON, Feb. 19.—It has been discovered that five hundred forged shares of Orleans railroad have been put in circulation in this city.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19.—An explosion occurred at a factory near Decatur last night, which has done many lives were lost, but already 34 bodies have been recovered.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 19.—The 17 Sharon citizens arrested for interfering with Postmaster Duckworth were bound over to the April term of court yesterday.
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 19.—A fire broke out this morning in Levy & Wilson's grocery store, and four stores of the Factors block on Canal street were burned out, loss \$100,000.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Joseph Gillis Biggar, the well-known home rule member of commons for the west division of county Cornwall, died to-day at Clapham, a suburb of London.
NATCHEZ, Miss., Feb. 19.—R. E. H. Smith, manager of the New York plant of an assay firm of his accounts shows a deficit of \$40,000.

PARKERSVILLE, Ky., Feb. 19.—Ellison Monn was hanged here to-day. He was the murderer of Miss Alafair McCoy and her brother some time ago. He declared the Hatfield gang forced him to engage in the murder.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The president has approved the joint resolution congratulating the people of Brazil on their adoption of a republican form of government and the act for the relief of sufferers by the wreck of the *Nipic* at Apia.
KARLSRUHE, Mo., Feb. 19.—The constable yesterday arrested 16 crusaders, 13 ladies and three men, charged with the malicious destruction of property. He took them to the station, the ladies having determined to submit quietly to their martyrdom, as they call it. They are all bonded in the sum of \$50 each for appearance next Friday.

DENVER, Feb. 19.—The committee in charge of the arrangements for the Bronco trading men's convention to be held in Denver June 19, 20, have met with great success in raising the funds necessary to insure good attendance of that fraternity at that time. The transcontinental routes have agreed to \$18.15 for round trip from Missouri river points to Denver, and from late advice the committee is led to believe that the eastern connections will make a correspondingly low rate. Delegations from trading men's associations from all parts of the United States will be in attendance to effect the national federation of commercial travelers, of which there are some 25,000 in number.