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AGAIN IN SESSION

Last Half of the Fifty-Fifth Congress Is Called to Order.

Promptly at Twelve the Gavel Falls in the House and in the Senate.

Animated Scenes In and About the Capitol—The Galleries Are Crowded.

President Notified That Congress Is Ready for Business—His Message Is Then Communicated.

His Reading Is Listened to with Rapt Attention by Members in Both House and Senate.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Congress reassembled Monday under circumstances of unusual public interest. The same congress six months ago declared war against Spain and now, with the war fought and won, it came together again for the first legislative consideration of the questions developed by the eventful months just passed. The spirit of the occasion was not, however, one of immediate expectancy, for the few months left to the existence of the Fifty-fifth congress gave promise of little more than a beginning on the momentous policies and problems growing out of the war.

As usual all Washington turned its attention to the capitol for that gala event which marks the opening day of a session. The weather imposed no barriers, for the hurricane of Sunday had given way to clearing skies and balmy air. Long before the noon hour, when the senate and house began their work, the corridors were filled with surging crowds, centering in the rotunda and stately hall, and pushing toward the private galleries. No evidences remained of the explosion and fire which recently ravaged the building.

SESSION OF HOUSE.

The Representatives Reassemble—Speaker Reed's Gavel Falls.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Exactly at noon Speaker Reed's gavel came down with a sharp crack, the great ebony mace, entwined with silver and surmounted by a silver eagle, was lifted into place upon its green marble pedestal, the spreading folds of American flags were broken to the breeze about the brilliant stained glass ceiling, and the house of representatives entered upon the closing session of the memorable war congress. The scene within the great hall was animated, brilliant and picturesque.

The sea of desks within the brass rails which cut off the lobbies, spreading in semi-circular lines from the speaker's rostrum like waves from a center, were a veritable flower garden. A majority of members were in their places, while the encircling galleries were banked to the doors with people. The assembling of a session of congress is always a great magnet for the multitude, but Monday the attraction was fraught with the added interest of all the memories which clung about the war congress, the triumphs and reverses of the recent political battle at the polls and the eagerness to hear the president's message with its review of the events which have crowded the stage during this memorable year and its recommendations of policies for the future. The public seemed to feel that this was to be an epoch-making session, and for hours before noon a steady stream of people debouched from the corridors into the galleries.

Society Is Present.

Even the private galleries were crowded an hour before the hour for convening. And they contained many distinguished in social and official life. The dainty creations of the milliners' art and brilliantly superb gowns gave color to the picture.

The members began arriving shortly before 11, and the hall soon commenced to buzz as they exchanged greetings, congratulations or condolences. For those who had gone down at the November elections there were expressions of sympathy, for those who had been victorious, words of congratulation. Some of the members held regular levees as they appeared. This was markedly true of Mr. W. A. Stone, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Sayers, of Texas, and Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, each of whom was chosen governor of his respective state at the recent election. Here and there throughout the throng was an officer in full uniform, an unwanted figure on the floor and a vivid reminder of the war.

Floor Cleared.

At 11:45 the floor was cleared of all the privilege. The

leaders, as a rule, were late in arriving, but as they appeared they were surrounded and cordially greeted. Mr. Hitt, of Illinois, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs; Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, one of the members of the committee on rules; Mr. Henderson, of Iowa, of the same committee, were each given an ovation.

Mr. Dingley, the floor leader of the majority, and Mr. Bailey, the minority leader, came in simultaneously from the lobbies of their respective sides. Mr. Bailey went immediately to his seat and Mr. Dingley, as soon as he could disengage himself from the friends who crowded about him, crossed over to the democratic side and shook hands with his political adversary.

Applause for Reed.

As the hands of the clock pointed to noon the giant form of the speaker pushed through the green baize doors of the lobby in the rear of the hall, and Mr. Reed ascended the rostrum. A wave of applause swept floor and galleries upon his appearance.

A light smile played over his benign features as he raised his gavel aloft. When it fell with resounding whack a hush fell upon the vast assemblage. The chaplain stood in his place. A moment the speaker waited, with every eye riveted upon him. Every member rose to his feet and many of those in the galleries.

"The chaplain will offer prayer," announced the speaker, in low tones.

Heads were bowed reverently as the chaplain, in eloquent words, invoked the Divine blessing, giving praise for the victory that had attended our arms and the peace which had come, and asking for strength and wisdom to meet the new problems which confronted the nation.

At the conclusion of the chaplain's prayer, the speaker announced that the first business in order would be a call of the roll to determine the presence of a quorum. While the responses were being made Gen. Wheeler, of Alabama, came in and took his seat in the row immediately in front of the speaker's rostrum.

He was instantly surrounded by half a hundred members and received the ovation of the day.

Quorum Is Present.

The roll call developed the presence of 267 members, 179 being a quorum. Three new members were sworn in. Mr. Grosvenor (O.) presented Mr. Charles Dick, elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Northway; Mr. Allen (Miss.) Mr. Thomas Spight, elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Sullivan, who was elected to the senate, and Mr. Grow (Pa.) Mr. William H. Graham, elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Stone, elected governor of Pennsylvania. With uplifted hands they took the oath.

Mr. Dingley, the floor leader, offered the customary resolution for the appointment of a committee of three to join a similar committee of the senate to wait upon the president and inform him that the house was ready to receive any communication he had to make. It was unanimously adopted and the speaker appointed Mr. Dingley, Mr. Cannon and Mr. Bailey.

A resolution was also adopted instructing the clerk of the senate that the house was ready to proceed to business. The house then took a recess until 1:30, to await the arrival of the president's message.

Reading of the Message.

When the house reconvened after the recess the committee appointed to wait upon the president appeared and reported that they had discharged their mission and that the president had said that he would communicate with congress immediately in writing. Mr. Dingley had hardly made this report before Maj. Pruden, the president's executive clerk, appeared and announced the message of the president.

The seal of the envelope in which the message was contained was broken by the speaker himself, and it was immediately laid before the house. The members of the floor and spectators in the galleries settled themselves in their seats and gave the reading their most earnest attention.

SESSION OF SENATE.

Opening Scenes in the Upper House of Congress.

Washington, Dec. 5.—In the opening hours of the last session of the memorable Fifty-fifth congress the senate chamber presented an animated scene. The galleries were filled early, many of the spectators being visitors to Washington who had embraced the opportunity to witness a congressional opening. On the senate floor the scene presented was unusually brilliant. The desks of the members were loaded with magnificent specimens of the florist's art. Nothing more beautiful or elaborate in floral displays has been seen in the senate for many years. It was a veritable chrysanthemum show, with rare roses and cut flowers of every description mingled with the chrysanthemums, and all formed into novel and elaborate designs.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, was the first senator to enter the chamber, and closely following him came the octogenarian Senator Morrill, of Vermont. One by one the members dropped into the chamber and the floor soon presented a scene as animated as that afforded by the galleries.

In the Diplomatic Gallery.

The diplomatic gallery, just

before the senate convened, appeared Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and party; Mr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, and attaches of his legation, and some other members of the diplomatic corps. On the floor Lord Herschell, the chief representative of Great Britain on the joint high commission, came accompanied by Mr. T. Jefferson Coolidge, of Massachusetts.

Sir Wilfred Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Louis Davies and Mr. Charlton, members of the commission, were also on the floor.

At the Stroke of Twelve.

Promptly at the stroke of 12 o'clock Vice President Hobart entered, and, ascending to his desk, rapped for order. Rev. Mr. Milburn, the venerable blind chaplain, in a profoundly impressive manner, returned "devout and reverent thanks for God's goodness to us as a nation and for His care of us since last gathered in this chamber."

"By Thy good providence," the chaplain prayed, "triumph has crowned our arms by land and by sea, so that peace has come to us through the council chamber. Let Thy grace be the portion of our people and may their hearts be rendered in service to Thee and to all men. We pray that Thy blessing may be with the queen regent of Spain and her young son, and on her nation. May Thy Heavenly grace come to secure and uplift and uphold that stricken people. Grant that all good may be given to us, to our motherland and to all nations; and may we walk hand in hand with our brethren across the sea to the heights of Christian civilization."

A call of the senate developed the presence of 67 members.

The Usual Resolutions.

The usual resolutions were offered and adopted. Senator Cullom (Ill.) offered that to appoint a committee to inform the house that the senate was ready to transact business; Senator Hale (Me.), that fixing the hour of daily meeting at 12 o'clock noon; and Senator Morrill (Vt.), that to appoint a committee to notify the president that the senate was awaiting any communication he might desire to make.

Senator Morrill (Vt.), and Senator Cockrell (Mo.), were named by the vice president to join a like committee of the house of representatives to call upon the president.

Senator McBride (Ore.), presented the credentials of his newly-elected colleague, Senator Simon, to whom the vice president administered the oath of office.

Pending the receipt of the president's message the senate, on motion of Senator Allison (Ia.), took a recess of 30 minutes.

Message Read.

At 1:25 p. m. the committee appointed to wait upon the president reported the performance of its duty and announced that the president immediately would communicate with the senate in writing.

Scarcely had the report been made when Maj. Pruden, executive clerk of the president, entered the chamber and presented the message. Vice President Hobart laid it before the senate at once, and its reading was begun at 1:23 p. m.

Introduced First Bill.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Representative Cousins, of Iowa, has the honor of introducing the first bill in the house at this session of congress. It is entitled a bill "declaring the standard of value in the United States," and provides that the standard of value in the United States is hereby declared to be and is the standard gold dollar of 25 8-10 grains of standard gold 900 fine.

For Deep Waterway to Gulf.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Representative Meyer (La.) introduced in the house a bill appropriating \$12,000,000 for the construction of a wide channel from deep water of the Mississippi river to deep water of the Gulf of Mexico via Southwest pass. The channel, by the terms of the bill, is to be 300 feet wide and 35 feet deep and conforms, so Mr. Meyer says, to the recommendations of the board appointed last winter by the war department under a resolution of congress.

Brewers to Meet.

New York, Dec. 5.—Brewers representing 85 per cent. of the beer manufacturers in the United States will hold a special open meeting in this city next Wednesday. The congress has been called by the United States Brewers' association. Delegates will attend from all over the country. It is stated that it is the object of the brewers to pass resolutions calling upon congress to abolish the war tax on beer.

A Disastrous Fire.

Cincinnati, Dec. 5.—A Frankton (Ind.) special to the Times-Star says: Frankton had a most disastrous fire. Newton Wallace was killed and Dan Bradley fatally injured. The Commercial block, containing six business houses and the opera house, was destroyed. Loss, fully \$100,000.

Big Flour Trust.

New York, Dec. 5.—A gigantic flour trust has been formed to control nearly all of the product in this country and also the supply of three-fourths of the world. English stockholders in the big Pillsbury-Washburn Milling company were reluctant at first to join, but were finally won over, and the flour trust became a certainty. The trust will have approximately the enormous capital of \$150,000,000. It will embrace all the principal mills of this country, and will have a daily capacity of 95,000 barrels of flour, consuming in this manner about 500,000 bushels of wheat.

THE COUNCIL MEETS

Northwestern Submits Plans and Asks for Vacation of Streets.

NO ACTION IS TAKEN.

N. M. Hubbard, Jr., and Judge Conner Have an Argument—Council Postpones Action Until Next Monday.

A large number of interested citizens attended the meeting of the city council last night. It was a regular meeting of the council but the special object of the meeting was to pass upon the vacation ordinances asked by the Chicago & Northwestern and Boyer Valley railroad. These companies were represented by N. M. Hubbard, Jr., of Cedar Rapids, J. A. Sedgwick, Northwestern right-of-way man, and T. J. Garrison their local attorney. Judge Conner was on hand keeping a watchful eye upon the interests of the Illinois Central. The council was all present, during the week they had had several consultations and were well posted on the points at issue.

In pursuance with an agreement made at the meeting a week prior the Northwestern presented a statement of their intention in regard to Denison. The statement was signed by Mr. Hubbard as attorney and read as follows:

MR. HUBBARD'S LETTER.

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Council of the City of Denison.

GENTLEMEN:—The Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company and the Boyer Valley Railroad Company respectfully request that your Honorable Body pass the six ordinances herewith presented, vacating the streets therein named, and dedicating the same to railway purposes, and submit the following reasons therefor:

The Boyer Valley Railroad Company is a proprietary company of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company. By looking at the map hereto attached you will see that a double connection is made with the main line of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway at Denison forming a "Y." Denison will be quite an important junction point.

In order to provide facilities for such a junction point, it will be necessary, and accordingly the two companies have procured, quite a large amount of ground for that purpose. It has already been determined by President Hughtit to build a modern passenger depot at Denison, which will be of stone and pressed brick with slate or German tile roof, of ample size to accommodate this growing city and the growing business of the C. & N. W. Ry. Co. The passenger trains of the C. & N. W. Ry. Co., as you are aware, are now of such size that it is impracticable to have a passenger station of the size necessary to be built and including the covered shed necessary for a first-class passenger station, and locate the same on a single block. The exact location has not yet been determined, but if your Honorable Body will be pleased to vacate Dyer street for the companies, the station will probably be built across that street, and if not actually across the street, will be in very close proximity to it. It is designed to make the passenger station between the south side of the Boyer Valley road and the main line of the C. & N. W., and the easterly end of the station is expected to be in close proximity to Main Street, which will be the street, together with the adjoining grounds owned by the company, for the city approach to the station.

It will be observed that the companies have procured all of the ground within the "Y" of the proposed Boyer Valley line, which will be needed for exclusive railroad purposes, for material and for freight and other purposes. It will also be observed from an inspection of the map that the Nash road runs nearly through the center of the "Y." It is very much desired by the companies to vacate this public highway known as the Nash road, as far as the city limits extend, and we expect to apply to the proper authorities, namely to the board of supervisors, to procure the vacation of that part of it not within the city limits. It is proposed by the companies to make a public highway 66 feet wide along the section line across the main line of the C. & N. W. Ry., and as far north as State Street, where it will turn, and by another 66 foot road, connect with said street. The company proposes, and has put it into the ordinance, that it will, at its own expense, make this new public highway, including crossing of the railroad track and bridging the Boyer River, and put the same in good condition for travel.

The streets asked to be vacated other than Dyer Street and the Nash road we believe are not important to the city, but are very important to the companies to be vacated as requested. In event these requests are granted the

station to be built at Denison will be as good or better than the one lately constructed at Carroll, Iowa.

N. M. HUBBARD, JR.,
Attorney C. & N. W. Ry. Co.
December 5, 1898.

The Council Considers.

After the reading of the above letter the council asked a number of questions chiefly concerning the building of a sewer if necessary through the Northwestern yards. Being satisfied that the Northwestern would do the right thing as regards the sewage, several ordinances were introduced. At the suggestion of Solicitor Wright, and a good suggestion too by the way, an amendment was inserted making the streets to be vacated, revert to the city if the representations made in Mr. Hubbard's letter were not carried out. Up to this time the meeting had been entirely harmonious but as the hour was growing late Mr. Iven's moved an adjournment. Mr. Hubbard urged the council to act, and stated that as no objections had been raised the ordinances should be passed. He spoke of Judge Conner's presence and said if he had any objections to raise he wished him to state them. Judge Conner responded, urging the council against hasty action and stating that the Illinois Central's demands should be considered before action was taken in favor of the Northwestern. Mr. Hubbard asked him to tell where the plans of the companies conflicted but this the Judge refused to do saying that he did not care to give Mr. Hubbard the information at that time. Quite a sharp contest of words ensued. Mr. Simmons, living south of the proposed depot site, objected saying it would shut out his view of the city. The council finally agreed to let the matter lie over for another week. It was midnight before the council adjourned.

LOGES ELECT OFFICERS.

The following are the new officials of two of our prominent lodges:

Knights of Pythias—Chancellor Commander, W. C. Rollins; Vice C., Henry Seemann; M. of W., O. W. Wheeler; Prelate, J. C. Robinson; K. of R. S., J. F. Glenn; M. of F., H. K. Harthun; M. of E., N. L. Hunt; M. at A., A. D. Smith; I. G., A. Stewart; O. G., H. Gebert; Trustees, C. F. Kuehnle, A. Helsey and J. I. Gibson.

The Woodmen of the World—C. C. Ellsworth Walker; Advisor Lieutenant, Wm. Marshall; Banker, Scott Wheeler; Escort, A. R. Hill; Clerk, J. T. Carey; Watchman, J. H. Cole; Sentry, J. A. Linke; Camp Physicians, C. H. Bolles and H. A. Boyle; Delegates to Head Camp convention, H. A. Cook and W. C. Van Ness; Alternates, E. Galick and C. H. Bolles.

A CORRECTION.

In our last issue we stated that Colonel Economy Wright had not had an office room for a number of years. The REVIEW was mistaken, he enjoyed an office room at the expense of Uncle Sam when he was postmaster, and again when he was mayor he was the only one to demand that the city furnish him an office room. In fact the Colonel saved more money, for himself, while mayor of Denison, than any other mayor the city has ever had.

The Mother's Round Table held a most interesting meeting last Thursday at McKim Hall. The principal paper was read by Dr. W. T. Wright, on "Catarrah." The paper was full of interest and helpful hints about catarrah and its treatment, and the ladies are most grateful to Dr. Wright for his effort. At the next meeting Mrs. E. S. Plimpton will read a paper on "How far should the lives of parents be subordinated to the lives of children?"

The Bulletin has a good deal to say about its Great contemporary this week. It objects to the REVIEW being so much better than it is. It objects to the REVIEW telling the truth about Colonel Economy, and speaks of the doughty Colonel as an elephant. (It is right in this, the Colonel and his economical ways will be an elephant on their hands.) It also objects to a certain statement made in the REVIEW as to the backers of the Bulletin. Every one knows that a number of highly reputable and respectable citizens were hoodwinked into taking stock in the Bulletin plant. Many of these men openly express their regret at so doing and have mighty little use for the paper or its clay pigeon editor. These men while stockholders are not "backers" in the sense meant by the REVIEW. By that term we meant to characterize those men who have prostituted what should be aparty organ to their personal ends.

W. H. Laub returned Sunday from Des Moines, where he purchased a fine driving team for Governor Shaw, a span of blacks, weighing about 2,500 pounds. Mr. Shaw made Mr. Oas, Voss a present of his single horse, "Blutcher."

THE DISTRICT COURT.

An Interesting Session Will Be Held This Month.

The session of the District Court which convenes this month promises to be full of interest. There are 136 cases on the docket. Of these eighty-seven are Law cases, forty-two equity cases and seven criminal. Three of the criminal cases are for illegal voting in a school election in East Boyer township, one for burglary and assault, two for maintaining a nuisance and one for assault and battery. There are three applications for divorce, all being made by the women in the case. The grounds upon which the court is asked to separate man and wife are for desertion, for inhuman treatment and for adultery. Three injunctions are asked, two against the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y to restrain them from closing cattle driveways in Paradise township and one, Conroy vs. Fotheringham in the matter of highways.

One damage case against the Northwestern is on the docket. The plaintiff John Dugan claims that he bought a ticket from Arion to Omaha, but that he mistook the train, taking number six east, instead of the right train. He was taken to Denison and got off there, taking the Colorado Special west. He refused to pay fare, whereupon he alleges the conductor took his ticket and punched it and then put him off at Arion, refusing to allow him to board the train again. Dugan claims that he was injured to the amount of \$1,950 and costs.

DeWolf Assignment Still On.

Notice of appeal has been filed in the case of Langford Brooke, of England, vs. the DeWolf estate and it will now probably be another year before a settlement with the creditors can be made. No notice of appeal has as yet been filed in the Cosman and Washington township church cases, but it is expected that both cases will be carried to the Supreme court.

County Superintendent A. G. Myers has removed to his new office in the Greek building just over the post office. It is a fine large room, suitable for the examination of teachers. The board of supervisors in order to give Colonel Economy Wright an office in the court house rented this room for Supt. Myers. Although the rent does not begin until January first, Mr. Myers has tendered the use of the room to Mr. Myers during December free of rent. And hereby hangs a tale, Colonel Economy Wright was not satisfied with having a raise in salary and free office rent, but when he found the room engaged for Supt. Myers was such a good one he determined that he would have it for himself. Several wordy interviews took place between Colonel Economy and the County Superintendent in which the economical Colonel informed Mr. Myers that he should not have the room over the postoffice. Myers was however too sharp for the Colonel and is now safely installed in his new office. It is hardly probable that the board will compel him to move back to the court house, though Colonel Economy would like to have them do so.

THE CHRISTMAS EDITION.

All manuscripts for our great Christmas Edition must be handed in at once. Work has already commenced on this big paper. We wish to make it the biggest and the best ever issued. We ask our advertisers to send in their copy at the earliest possible moment. It is a big job to get out such an edition and the first to send in their copy will receive the choicest position. We wish to thank our merchants for their generous response in support of this grand edition and we assure them that they will be amply repaid.

From a Contestant.

DENISON, IOWA, Dec. 3, '98.
MEYERS & TUCKER, DEAR SIRS:—Though I am not experienced in the art of stov writing, and this is my first attempt at writing one, yet when I read, in the REVIEW that you would like Christmas stories written by those who were subscribers, for the "Great and Only," I felt that I could do no better than try. Though the story may be of no material value, yet I feel your offer is a good one. It has helped me much, to write the story, and I believe it will have helped others. It at least makes one more careful, in many respects.

RAILROAD PURCHASES.

The following deeds in favor of the Ft. Dodge and Omaha Railroad have been filed:
Harvey Cook and wife to Omaha and Ft. Dodge Ry. Co., all of block 12, con. \$1600.
F. Volkman and wife to Omaha and Ft. Dodge Ry. Co., 5 44 100 acres, section 2, Denison township, con. \$2,000.

DAUGHTERS OF REBECCA.

There will be a special meeting Wednesday evening, December 7, at eight o'clock, by order.
Mrs. H. W. RANDALL, N. G.