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PERSONALITIES AND A NEAR APPROACH TO PUGILISM.

Senator Hill Scores Davenportism and Compliments Cleveland—Almost a Fight in the House.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 16.—Sen-ate took up the sundry civil bill, the pending question being on the Delaware harbor improvement, reducing the amount from $500,000 to $300,000 was defeated, the amendment reducing in like manner the Hudson river (New York) appropriation.

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Returning to the sundry civil bill, the amendment to reduce the appropriation for improving the Mississippi river from $500,000 to $300,000 and for the mouth of the Missouri to Minnesota river, from $25,000 to $15,000, agreed to reducing the Sault Ste. Marie Lake channel, Michigan, from $300,000 to $200,000, St. Mary's river, from $1,500,000 to $1,350,000, for the channel connecting the Great Lakes, Duluth, and Buffalo harbor, $50,000. The next contested item was reducing the appropriation at the cascades of the Ohio river, from $1,440,000. Mr. Mitchell moved to strike out the item by making the appropriation $1,000,000. Agreed to—yeas, 24; nays, 21.

Amendments proposing appropriations were then discussed. For clerks to district courts, from $750,000 to $900,000; for fees of jurors, from $1,000,000 to $1,200,000; for transportation of jurors, from 5 cents to 3 cents a mile, $500,000 was denied. Amendment reducing in like manner the Hudson river (New York) appropriation.

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