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MR. RANDALL has again rendered the south a favor in assisting to defeat the bankruptcy bill. Will that section remember it against the day of his becoming a candidate for speaker, and return the compliment with votes? It looks like it.

THE New York *Sun* still shows enterprise, even if the cat did destroy its copy of Cleveland's civil service letter. It is so much ahead of its contemporaries that it announced the arrival of "ex-Senator" George H. Pendleton, of Ohio, in Brooklyn the other evening. As long as it was anticipating events, why did it not speak of him as Secretary Pendleton, of the —— department?

THE republican caucus for the speakership of the New York assembly was a harmonious and unanimous gathering. Mr. Erwin was nominated by acclamation, his opponents having all withdrawn before the caucus was called to order. We hope the senatorial caucus will be equally happy in its selection of a worthy candidate, and equally unanimous in acquiescing in his nomination.

THE Associated Press will now spare the country from any further recitals of the busy hours of the occupant of the executive chamber at Albany. Gov. Cleveland has resigned. Gov. Hill will perform the duties of governor with all the additional labor incident to a legislative session without so much as a stray paragraph reaching the public of his industry. For which blessing we are truly grateful.

ALTHOUGH a majority of sixty of the members of the house favored the consideration of the bankruptcy bill, it could not secure a hearing, owing to the iron-clad rules. Its fate is probably sealed for this session, as there is little probability of securing the necessary two-thirds vote to make it a special order. Without that it cannot be reached. This is likely to be the record of the house upon all important measures now before it.

HAVING resigned the office of governor of New York yesterday Mr. Cleveland is freed from the burdens of official life for a few weeks. It cannot be said, however, that he will be permitted to enjoy the quiet repose presumptively attaching to the dignified position of a citizen in private life, for now more than ever will the statesmen who are impressed with the belief that their mission is to keep the country from going to eternal smash feel at liberty to inundate him with torrents of advice concerning his future course of action. If all the suggestions that will be offered for his consideration during the next two months could be laid before the public verbatim, their picturesque variety would undoubtedly afford rich reading, plenty of fun, and excite profound sympathy for the incoming president.

"Let Us Have Peace."

"Peace hath her victories," and if we cannot rejoice in the continued triumph of the republican party, we should at least strive for that success which comes of harmonious fellowship and a united purpose. Every true republican will echo the closing sentiment of Senator Hawley's letter in THE REPUBLICAN of Monday. He is not a true republican who does not. Peace among ourselves, and offensive warfare on the common enemy, the democracy, should be the rallying cry of the republican party from this time forward. No good will come of any further explanation of our defeat. It is sufficient that we are soon to go out of power, and that the party we ought to have beaten is to come in. The traditions of that party, its present course, the inability of its leaders to grasp the questions of the hour and to bend the conflicting elements in its own ranks to a settled and progressive policy, all point to its early demise. Will the republican party profit by the weakness of its opponents, and rise to the opportunity that is presented of resuming power in 1888? Republican voters are more anxious for an explanation of the causes of defeat in the late election. Only democrats are eager for a bill of particulars of the differences and dissensions that are said to exist in the republican party. We cannot afford to furnish it. There is work enough for each individual republican to do in preparing the party for subsequent contests with the enemies of free government. It ought never to be written that the closing work of the republican party was self-destruction.

President Arthur made success possible to the party in the late campaign by the wise and conservative course pursued by him during his administration. When Blaine was nominated at Chicago he telegraphed his assurances of sympathy and support. He never wavered in his devotion to the party throughout the campaign. This has been demonstrated by the evidence of those in a position to know. If there has been any desire to know what his feelings were during the campaign, that desire has now been satisfied, and now all sincere republicans may well forget the differences of the past and unite forces for the common good. We stand shoulder to shoulder in support of all vital principles of the party faith. We rejoice together in the proud record of its past, and there is no division in our support of all progressive measures.

Whatever of good has come to the country in the past quarter of a century has come to it through the hands of the republican party, and whatever of progress it shall make in the future will be the result of that wise policy which has given it so many years of prosperity and which must be pursued if its growth is to continue. Without differences as to principles, actuated by common political sentiments, we can well afford to pass by in silence the magnified jealousies of individuals. Therefore, in the words of Senator Hawley, "let us have peace"—a peace that shall give to the party renewed vitality, that shall reassure the country of its fidelity, and that shall bring victory in its wake.

LAND GRANT FORFEITURE.

Important Debate on the Subject in the Senate—The Pension Bill Provokes a Lively Discussion in the House.

The senate devoted nearly all of yesterday's session to debate upon the Oregon Central land grant forfeiture bill, Messrs. Morgan, Van Wyck, Slater, Dolph, Blair, and Lapham engaging in the discussion. Mr. Morgan said he was compelled by his sense of duty as a senator to say that the bill ought not to pass. It was a bill of a radical character. He favored the return to the public domain of all land grants not earned by the railroad companies, but provision should be made for a judicial ascertainment of the rights of all parties whose property was to be confiscated. When property had been confiscated as a result of the war, Mr. Morgan was glad to be able to bear testimony to the equanimity of the people of the United States, speaking through their representatives in congress, who, even under the pressure of the passions aroused by the war, had decreed that the seized property should be carried into court before being disposed of.

Mr. Voorhees inquired whether a mere declaration of forfeiture by congress could divest parties of their rights to appeal to the courts.

Mr. Morgan replied that he knew it did not; yet that was the purpose and intention of this bill. If the bill did not have that effect it would disappoint its framers and friends. "In God's name," said Mr. Morgan, "what sort of a government have we got if the judicial department of it cannot be trusted to pass upon a title? When did congress get its reputation for immaculate purity to such extent as that it arose above the reputation of the judges? When did we find the precincts of our courts haunted by gangs of foul lobbyists to attempt to pervert the decisions of those tribunals? It is not the courts that such people visit; they visit congress. They are not found about the supreme court, but are often found in the lobbies of this body. I will not say," he continued, "that where the caucus is there the eagles gather together; that would be unjust, but I will say this, that for a serene, honest judgment of perfect integrity, and one upon which the country can rest with satisfaction, commend me to a court rather than to any legislative body."

Mr. Dolph, in reply, said it was not within the power of congress to cut off in a bill of this character the acquired rights of any citizen. The rights of all could be asserted in court in spite of any act of congress.

The bill was subsequently passed by a vote of 28 against 18; but Mr. Morgan changed his vote from the negative to the affirmative, so as to enable him to enter a motion to reconsider.

The pension appropriation bill was passed by the house, after an explanation of the provisions of the bill by Mr. Hiscock and a running discussion upon several features of the measure.

Mr. Warner inveighed against the abuses which existed under the present pension law in the matter of the fees of pension attorneys and claim agents, and declared that the piracy of middle ages was an honest calling compared with the operations of claim agents in the city of Washington. They claim to be the friends of the soldiers; they were a kind of friends to the soldiers that the wolves were to the sheep. This claim business in Washington, he said, was entirely too profitable.

Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, said that at the last session the house had adopted a proposition to remedy the evils existing, but the senate had refused to concur in it. In conference committee legislation had been formulated, which was enacted into a law, and under this law the abuses complained of by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Warner) had crept in.

Mr. J. D. Taylor, of Ohio, attacked the committee on pensions, bounty, and back pay, and characterized it as the graveyard of all pension legislation.

Mr. Warner, of Ohio, replied in vindication of the action of the committee.

In the course of further debate Mr. Keifer, of Ohio, having the floor, was interrupted several times by Mr. Warner. Mr. Keifer declared that it was his belief that if he had not consumed nearly an hour in vindicating himself and his committee to insist on interrupting other speakers.

Mr. Warner replied that he had not consumed as much time in vindicating himself as the gentleman from Ohio had spent last session in attempting to vindicate himself.

Mr. Keifer asked the chair to have a good deal of forbearance toward the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Warner), because it was constitutional with him to interrupt.

The bill having been read for amendments Mr. Everhart, of Pennsylvania, offered a proviso that all applicants for pensions shall be presumed to have the disability at the time of enlistment, but such presumption may be rebutted. Adopted.

Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, offered an amendment restoring the number of pension agents to eighteen. Lost.

Mr. Rogers, of Arkansas, offered an amendment providing that no agent shall receive any fee for his services in pension cases until the allowance of the claim; that all fees shall be paid by the pension agents, and that such fees shall be fixed, except in cases of special written contract filed in the pension office, when a fee of $25 may be contracted for. A violation of this provision is punishable by fine and imprisonment.

Mr. Warner offered an amendment to the amendment limiting the special contracts to a claimant and claim agent residing in the same state. Agreed to.

Mr. Rogers's amendment as amended was adopted.

Nominations

The President sent the following nominations to the senate yesterday:

To be postmasters—William S. Oakey, Salem, Va.; Mrs. Florence A. Hines, Suffolk, Va.; Henry Cochran, Salem, Ala.; George W. Richardson, Washington, Ga.; Samuel T. Pointer, Spartanburg, S. C.; A. D. Acres, Wichita Falls, Tex.; Richard Kennedy, McMinnville, Tenn.; Milan M. Brown, Quincy, Mich.; Walter E. Kingsbury, Edmore, Mich.; Anke Tiedeken, Pella, Iowa; Martha J. Hoover, Mount Vernon, Ind.; Clarence E. Snively, Canton, Ill.; Henry C. Robinson, Grand Crossing, Ill.; Robert F. Kloke, West Point, Neb.; John M. Fitchpatrick, Hebron, Neb.; John W. Gordon, Minden, Neb.; George L. White, Scandia, Kan.; Mrs. Nancy A. Wiley, Galena, Kan.; Alanson P. Hammond, Ashland, Oreg.; Newbury E. Westover, Blunt, Dak.; and Scrapio Romero, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

First Lieut. John B. Kerr, 6th cavalry, to be captain; Second Lieut. Charles R. Gatewood, 6th cavalry, to be first lieutenant; First Lieut. Henry Seton, 4th infantry, to be captain; Second Lieut. Leonard A. Lovering, 4th infantry, to be first lieutenant; Second Lieut. Henry Kirby, 9th infantry, to be first lieutenant; First Lieut. William P. Rogers, 17th infantry, to be captain.

Confirmations.

The senate in executive session yesterday confirmed the following nominations:

Capt. Thomas H. McGregor, to be major 2d cavalry; Second Lieut. William C. Brown, to be first lieutenant 1st cavalry; First Lieut. Thomas Harvey, to be captain 1st cavalry.

To be postmasters—Rebecca Snape, at Petersburg, Ill., and John A. Childs, at Evanston, Ill.

"The American Countess."

The announcement that Mlle. Rhea had entered into a contract with Howard Carroll for the production of an original play by him and entitled "The American Countess," has excited no little comment in theatrical and newspaper circles. The title of the play has particularly been the subject of discussion and the guesses in regard to its real significance have been numerous. It is said that the title "The American Countess" well describes the play, as it is descriptive of the trials and misfortunes which grow out of the marriage of a rich New England girl to a proud and cold-blooded Italian count, who regards the marriage in the light of the sale of his high sounding title in exchange for the girl's fortune. The result of this ill-assorted union is the birth of a daughter, the heroine of the play, who is an American through her mother and a countess by right of her father's title, hence "The American Countess." It will readily be seen that from such a basis the most intensely dramatic situations may be built up. Mlle. Rhea is delighted with the play, and both she and her manager confidently express the opinion that she will make in it the success of her life. The new play will be produced for the first time at the National Theater next Monday night.

They Won't Open the Doors.

The senate committee on foreign relations has decided to report adversely upon the resolutions looking to a discussion of commercial relations with open doors. The Nicaraguan treaty will probably be reported to-morrow.

Amusements.

There will be matinees to-day at Albaugh's Opera House, where "Three Wives for One Husband" will be given, and at Ford's Opera House, "Burr Oaks" being the attraction. The Florences will give no matinee. To-night, however, will be a souvenir occasion at the National, where every lady will be presented with a handsome silver hatchet.

The students of the Nashville University will give a concert at the Congregational Church on Tuesday evening next. Wherever they have appeared they have met with extraordinary favor, and the warmest praise has been given their efforts, both in solos and concerted music.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

DR. H. E. MACE, an active democratic politician of New Hampshire, is at Willard's.

DR. CORNELIUS R. AGNEW, of New York, has resigned from the board of Indian commissioners.

M. P. HANDY, editor of the Philadelphia NEWS, and Fred Gould, of New York, are at Chamberlin's.

MAJ. JOHN GREEN, 1st United States cavalry, and Mrs. Green arrived here Sunday from Montana, and have located at No. 715 Twenty-first street, to remain until next month. Maj. Green has eight months' leave from the 1st of last month.

Jones and Chandler.

Justice to all requires that in the present situation of the great republican party one fact should be decisively proclaimed; and this fact is that Chandler has got the better of Jones. There is no use in pretending that President Arthur played false during the election. He is not that kind of a man. We do not believe he has ever played false to any candidate of his party, no matter what the provocation; and we are sure that he did not play false to Brother Blaine. The President did all that was proper, and, we dare say, all that was possible, to get Brother Blaine elected; but the thing would not work. As the Good Book says, "The stars in their course fought against Sisera."—*New York Sun.*

DEPARTMENT NOTES.

The treasury department is informed of the arrest at Toledo, Ohio, yesterday, of Charles Zurlo and George Miller, on charges of counterfeiting United States coin.

The secretary of the treasury has designated Mr. Rodney C. Ward, collector of internal revenue in Brooklyn, N. Y., to act as disbursing agent of the funds to be used in the construction of the new postoffice building in that city.

A comparative statement of the sale of postage stamps during the third quarters of 1883 and 1884 shows that the sales for the third quarter of 1884 were $10,017,748, or $575,002 less than the receipts for the corresponding period of 1883.

The patent office yesterday issued 587 patents, 25 designs, 10 trademarks, 3 labels, and 1 reissue. Forty patents were awarded to citizens of foreign countries. Of the domestic patents issued, New York secured 81, Massachusetts 41, Pennsylvania 34, Ohio 45, and Illinois 22.

The exports of mineral oils from the United States during the eleven months ended Nov. 30, 1884, were 495,342,811 gallons, valued at $45,129,664. The exports during the same period of the previous year were 495,559,087 gallons, valued at $44,136,560, showing a decrease of 216,876 in gallons and an increase of $994,104 in value.

The comptroller of the currency has reorganized the Slater National Bank of North Providence, Pawtucket, R. I., under the name of the Slater National Bank of Pawtucket, R. I., in accordance with the act of congress approved Dec. 30, 1884, changing the title of the bank. He also extended the corporate existence of the following named banks to Jan. 10, 1905: The National State Bank of Burlington, Iowa; the Northern National Bank, of Toledo, Ohio; the Wyoming National Bank, of Tunkhannock, Pa., and the Tioga National Bank, of Owego, N. Y.

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The polls will be opened at 12 m. and closed at 2 p. m. Transfer books will be closed on the 7th of January, 1885, and opened on January 15, 1885.

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