

THE ONLY TOPIC

The Senate Delayed With Reports, Resolutions and Colloquies. All Concerning Only

THE INDEPENDENCE OF CUBA

Cameron's Resolution Recognizing the Independence of the Island Favorably Reported.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The senate was literally deluged for half an hour today with reports, resolutions and spirited colloquies on the Cuban question. The intense public interest in this subject was shown by the presence of the largest crowds seen since the opening day of the session. All available space in the public galleries was taken and the diplomatic galleries had such distinguished occupants as Sir Julian Pauncefote, British ambassador, Baron von Hengel-muller, Austrian minister, Hatch, Hawaiian minister, accompanied by suites and ladies of the embassies and legations. The main event of the day was the presentation by Cameron of the report of the committee on foreign relations favorable to his resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba. This proceeding was brief and perfunctory, the report not being read and an agreement was speedily reached by which the resolution and report go over until after the holidays. Aside from the Cameron report Morgan presented a further report on the same lines, embodying the views of himself and Mills. The offering of the reports served as a prelude to several brisk exchanges between senators. Hill desired to know whether the reports went into the constitutional question of the legislative power of recognition of independence. Cameron promptly answered that everybody conceded this power and Morgan pointedly added that a denial of such power was "preposterous."

Vest also came forward with some remarks which promised to give a sharp personal turn to the debate. He spoke of his astonishment in seeing Secretary Olney's statement declaring that the executive alone had power to recognize the independence. Vest had hardly begun when Hill made a point of order against him, on the ground that debate was out of order. The Missouri senator willingly yielded, announcing that he would speak tomorrow on the resolution he had offered declaring that the recognition of independence is a joint power of the legislative and executive branches.

Several other Cuban resolutions were offered, those by Hill and Cullton declaring that a state of war existed in Cuba, renouncing the recognition of belligerent rights of both parties and calling for the observance of strict neutrality by the United States, and one by Bacon, declaring that the power of recognizing the independence is a prerogative belonging exclusively to congress. Sherman, from the committee on foreign relations, reported favorably a resolution of Call asking for information relative to American citizens confined in Spanish prisons, and this was agreed to by the senate.

Aside from the Cuban subject the session was not eventful. Gear made an unsuccessful effort to take up the Pacific railroad refunding bill and then gave notice it would be urged after the holidays.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The house today practically completed the consideration of the legislative, executive, and judicial bills, but final action will not be taken until tomorrow. Almost the whole day was devoted to the debate on the provision of the bill relating to control of the new congressional library. Both appropriations and a library committee offered plans for the future care of the building. After a somewhat acrimonious contest the appropriations committee gained the victory, defeating the substitute of the library committee by a vote of 27 to 85.

An amendment designed to place employees of the library under civil service laws was also defeated, 27 to 73. Under provisions of the bill as adopted, Librarian Spafford will continue in office with an increase of salary from \$4,000 to \$5,000.

The amendment to the immigration bill were non-concurrent in and a conference agreed to.

In behalf of Western Settlers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Solicitor General Conrad filed a motion with the supreme court today to set aside the judgment entered and grant a new hearing in the case of the Northern Pacific Railway vs. Leonard P. Colburn, in order that the United States may have an opportunity to intervene. He stated that the case involved the rights of many thousands of settlers. The case was appealed from Montana, where Colburn claimed land within the Northern Pacific grant on a settlement made prior to the location of the grant, though no filing had been made. The interior department has uniformly held that such settlement exempted land from the operations of the grant. The supreme court

took an opposite view in the Colburn case and rendered an opinion which the land office officials say, must result in ousting many settlers from their homes all through the west if allowed to stand.

The court granted a stay of the mandate and will consider a motion to set aside its former judgment.

Nearly All Rescued.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 21.—A terrible explosion of gas occurred this afternoon in the Baltimore shaft, No. 2, of the Delaware and Hudson company. Over 20 miners were imprisoned, but at a late hour tonight 14 had been rescued alive and there was still hope of reaching the others before the deadly after-damp claimed them as victims. Immediately after the disaster became known rescue gangs descended the shaft, but it was some time before the ventilation had been so managed that they could work in safety. A party which entered the mine at 9:45 tonight succeeded in pushing their way to the plane where the imprisoned men had been working, and there they stumbled over the bodies of a number of men. As soon as the work could be accomplished they were brought to the surface, where doctors were in waiting. Wrapped in blankets, some of the victims were sent to their homes and some to hospitals. The physicians have hopes that all may recover. Had they been in the mine a few minutes longer all would probably have died of suffocation. John Healy, one of the rescuers, who was the first to discover the bodies on the plane, says that the men were huddled closely together. They had apparently abandoned all hope of rescue and were resolved to die together. The supposition is that the men, when they realized their danger, made their way to the highest point on the plane. They were all but suffocated when found.

The theory of the explosion now is that there was a fall of rock on the slope where the dynamite was stored, that the dynamite exploded and smoke filled the place. Grief was turned to joy when the rescued men were brought to the surface. Women and children wept and strong men clasped each other in their arms. It is probable that those men who were in the immediate vicinity of the spot where the explosion occurred were the only ones killed, and their number may not be more than four or five.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Governor Morton has refused to pardon or commute the sentence of John V. McKane, McKane, formerly the political boss of Gravenand, was sentenced to six and a half years' imprisonment, which was imposed upon him about three years ago for frauds upon the ballot box. The delegation did not insist upon a pardon for McKane, but would be content with a commutation. Governor Morton replied that he did not feel justified in interfering in the case, particularly as a new administration will come in on Jan. 1.

Anticipated Trial.

MAYFIELD, Ky., Dec. 21.—The negro rapist, Stone, was taken from the county jail and lynched by a mob early this morning. Sheriff Cook and W. A. Usher arrived in the city Sunday morning on the Cannon Ball, having in charge Stone, who has been in the Louisville jail for the past two weeks. Stone's trial was set for Tuesday, Dec. 22, in the circuit court.

Wants Lovers to Play His Hand.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The Boston Safe Deposit and Trust company has brought suit against 18 firms and has levied attachments each in the sum of \$50,000 against several banks, the holders of securities misappropriated by the defaulting treasurer, Frank O. Miles. Miles, in a letter in which he confessed his default to President Stone, stated that if certain investments made by him were carefully handled the amount of the default would not exceed \$100,000.

Smith In Luck.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The senate today confirmed Robert A. Smith as postmaster at St. Paul.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

No Quorum Could Be Secured and the City's Business Had to Wait.

Only three aldermen, Messrs. Holmes, Fletcher and Marion, were present Monday at the council meeting. Aldermen Dunn, Fitzgerald, Thompson, McDonald and Mitchell failed to show up, although they were all in the city and were around prior to the meeting. Their absence was supposed to have some connection with the order of the district court to pay the hydrant rental for the six months ending Nov. 1 last, but as an appeal was taken from that decision, the object of the aldermen in staying away is hard to guess at and no one present had any information on the subject. There is some important city business to transact, but it will have to go over till next Monday unless a special meeting is called, as an adjournment was taken to that date.

State Your Own Lanterns.

Your home is incomplete without it and the price is within the reach of all. I ordered one for my own use and it was so handy and convenient I went to taking orders for them and sold 55 in one day, making over \$5 clear. It gives a beautiful white light, chimney never break from heat, it is always clean and ready. Francis Carey, St. Louis, Mo., will send sample for 12 two-cent stamps. Write for one. I got my start from him.

GEORGIA B.

TO TAKE A REST

Both Branches of the United States Congress Adjourn for the Holidays.

ALL THE APPROPRIATION BILLS

Are Well Advanced—Cuban Resolution Has Been Temporarily Hidden.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The senate was unexpectedly diverted today from Cuba to the Pacific railroads. An unusually large crowd was in the galleries, anticipating that Vest would continue his speech begun yesterday on the attitude of Olney toward the Cameron resolution. This interest was shown by the presence in the diplomatic gallery of First Assistant Secretary of State Rockhill, who is next in rank to Olney in State affairs and who has had special charge of the reports coming from consuls in Cuba. The foreign delegation also was well represented. Soon after the session opened Pettigrew of South Dakota called up his resolution, relative to trust notes of the Pacific railroad system in general, charging that a combination of private interests was seeking to absorb the roads and close out the government. This opened the entire question, and Morgan of Alabama followed with a bitter arraignment of the Pacific roads, charging them with fraud and crime on a gigantic scale. The speech lasted until shortly before 2 o'clock, when the morning hour expired, thus sending over the Cuban question until after the holidays.

Call secured the adoption of a resolution asking the secretary of state for information relative to the killing of Charles Gavin, an American citizen, by the Spanish forces in Cuba. Further than this the session was uneventful and the senate adjourned for the holiday recess, lasting until Jan. 5.

House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The house today passed the legislative, executive, and judicial bill and then adjourned for the holiday recess. This is the first time in the history of congress that the legislative bill has been passed before the holidays.

The day was devoted to a debate of the civil service law and, as usual, an attempt to strike out the provision for the commission was overwhelmingly defeated. The bill as passed carries \$21,000,000, \$20,000,000 more than the current bill. During the morning hour a bill was passed authorizing the receivers of the Indian Territory to change their alignments.

Dakota Railroads.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Senator Pettigrew today introduced a bill in the senate providing for grant of lands to the state of South Dakota, to aid in the construction of the Dakota Pacific railroad from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Granger, Wyoming. The bill grants alternate sections of land for 20 miles on each side of the proposed road.

Boom for Tacoma.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The Yakima Investment company of Washington which Paul Schulz had wrecked before committing suicide will be resurrected. A new corporation will be formed and one of the largest irrigation enterprises of the Pacific coast once more be placed upon its feet. A. C. Booth has just returned from Boston, where he went as attorney for the Safe Deposit and Trust company of this city to consult with the plan of reorganization met with favor and has now been practically agreed upon by the principal parties interested. The property involved is estimated at from \$1,250,000 to \$1,500,000 in value. It is located in the Yakima valley, east of the Cascade mountains.

Enjoying Himself.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—President-elect McKinley, who had intended leaving for Canton last night did not do so, and is still here. He has enjoyed his rest so much that he decided to remain one day longer. He and Mrs. McKinley start for Canton via the Pennsylvania road tonight in order to take Christmas dinner with his mother.

Pingree Showing His Hand.

DETROIT, Dec. 22.—A temporary injunction was granted by the circuit court today on application of Mayor Pingree, restraining the county supervisors from confirming a proposed contract for erecting a county building. The mayor alleges bribery against eleven of the supervisors, but their names are not mentioned. The board was to have confirmed the contract today.

Domestic Tragedy.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—James Preston, aged 45, shot his wife, Amanda, aged 37, and the latter's son, William Bryant, aged 19, in the residence of Mrs. Preston and son at No. 439 East Pearl street, this morning. Preston is a farmer near New Richmond, Ohio. His wife left him some time ago and came to this city, taking quarters with her son and making a living at dressmaking. Preston followed his wife and tried to effect a reconciliation. He called at the house to

day and a quarrel followed, during which he began firing. When the neighbors came in they found the three on the floor wounded and bleeding. Preston evidently first shot his wife, then his stepson and then himself. Hospital physicians say that Preston and his wife will die. The stepson has a wound in his left elbow. Preston was jealous.

Monarch News.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE TRIBUNE. MONARCH, Dec. 19.—Monarch has had another lawsuit this week. The parties involved were A. W. Ranger, who sued L. Nullinger of Kibbey; the cause of prosecution, an old hay baler. Judge Lee was counsel for Ranger and McCuskey of Belt for Nullinger. There was a jury trial, costs amounting to probably \$100. Judgment was rendered against Nullinger for \$125. He had already paid \$50 on the baler. The whole machine is not worth 25 cents.

Monarch is to have a Christmas tree and exhibition on the evening of Dec. 24, to which everybody is invited. Monarch has a skimmilk brigade, a haunted house, a dog and cat head, a man who smiles and a would-be McAlister with an exclusive 4 sans the hundred.

The Misses Florence Crane and Mildred Dodd came up from Logging Creek on Tuesday last and were the guests of Mrs. Martin Greeley, who accompanied them home for a short visit.

David Rice of Riceville was a passenger to Neihart on Wednesday's train. Dr. Sandow, also en route to Neihart by the same train, improved his time calling on acquaintances while the engine made a trip to Barker.

Judge Lee of Kibbey was in town over night Wednesday. Friends of the judge are fortunate who can catch him for a short visit now and then, as he has an unending stock of reminiscences of frontier life in Montana with which to interest one.

Mrs. Peter Miller and children of Dry Fork arrived on yesterday's train and went out to the Nason settlement, their former home.

The Nason lodge of Patriots of America gave a very pleasant social dance last week which was so pronounced a success that they have decided to give another on Christmas eve. An oyster supper will be one of the attractions.

Holiday trade is lively at Monarch. The weather is fine and everybody, with his wife and children, has been in town buying Christmas presents.

FOREFATHERS' DAY.

The banquet to the Congregational Club a Great Success.

The ladies of the Congregational church who yesterday evening entertained the Congregational club and invited guests at a banquet at Grove's hall must have been gratified at the success they attained. More than 100 persons sat down to supper in response to their invitations and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Hon. C. M. Webster acted as toastmaster and discharged his duties with marked tact, eloquence, and wit.

The following gentlemen responded to the toasts attached to their names: "Benefits of the Observance of Forefathers' Day," by O. S. Warden. "The Ruling Sentiments of the Puritan," by W. M. Bole. "Their Heritage to Us," by B. P. McNair. "The Benefits of a Mixed Ancestry," by A. W. Greeley. "The Ideals of the Puritan," by H. B. Mitchell. "The Ladies, Our Hostesses," by Prof Hathaway. "The Congregational Church in History," by Rev. W. N. Moore.

The audience was indebted to A. C. Coleman for a solo that was much enjoyed, and the whole party joined in singing "America" in closing. The first celebration of the anniversary of Forefathers' day in Great Falls was certainly a brilliant success.

City Lovers.

In the United States court for the district of Washington, in the suit of the City of Great Falls vs. Thies & Foster, judgment for defendants has been entered.

In 1892, defendants made the highest bid on the city's issue of \$100,000 park and sewer bonds. They afterward refused to accept the bonds and when the city attempted to collect a certified check for \$5,000 which defendants had enclosed with their bid as a guarantee, payment on the check was stopped.

The city instituted suit in the Washington court, defendants residing in Spokane. Atty. J. A. Largent appeared for the city.

The judgment declares that the bonds were illegal, in that the election was not held at the proper time; that cities in Montana cannot issue bonds in payment for parks; and that the voters were not given due notice of the bond election. The bonds being illegal, defendants were justified in refusing them.

The bonds were sold four years ago and, as they were declared void by the Montana supreme court, the federal court's decision does not release the city from liability on them.

The city was at no expense in the case, as Mr. Largent conducted it upon a contingent fee.

The Caring of Baby.

When a baby comes to the house real happiness comes. The care and anxiety count for nothing against the clinging touch of the little hands and the sound of the little voice. The highest function given to human beings is bringing healthy, happy children into the world. Over 20 years ago the needs of women appealed to Dr. Pierce, now chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. The result of his study is proved by 30 years of practice, embodied in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It strengthens, purifies and makes healthy the organs distinctly feminine. It gives weak women the production of healthy children and it makes the bearing of those children easy. It is sure to cure any weakness or derangement peculiar to women; stops pain, soothes inflammation, strengthens, purifies, invigorates.

CITY EXPENSES. Clerk Clark Makes a Report of the Last Six Months. City Clerk Clark has prepared the following report for submission to the council: To the Honorable Mayor and Council of Great Falls, Mont.—Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit for your examination the following report, which shows the cost of maintaining the several departments of this city, together with the cost of improvements, general and special, during the first six months of the present fiscal year; also comparative tables showing such cost as compared with corresponding periods in the fiscal years of 1893, 1894, 1895: Compared with the corresponding period of the last fiscal year there have been reductions in the expenditures as follows: Ordinary expenses: In mayor's pay roll, \$209.51; engineering department, office, \$78.50; engineering department, streets, \$133.90; police department, \$1,258.87; fire department, \$132.88; hydrant rental, \$2,633.44; health department, \$433.21; city pound, \$99.07; bridge repairs, etc., \$1,443.71; general expenses, \$1,315.06. General improvements, etc., \$3,447.20. Special improvements, \$21,263.63. Increase: In expenses of Valeria public library, \$333.13; interest on warrants, \$5.56; city scales, \$33.56. RECAPITULATION: Reduction in ordinary expenses, less increase in the expenditures for Valeria public library, interest on warrants and city scales, \$7,361.45. General improvements, \$3,447.20. Special improvements, \$21,263.63. Total reduction in expenditures, \$32,072.29. The following statements and comparative tables will show the expenditures in detail: The financial condition of the city is shown in a separate report.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF Expenditures of City of Great Falls From May 1 to Oct. 31, 1896. The expenditures were as follows: ORDINARY EXPENSES. Mayor's Payroll. Salaries of Mayor, Councilmen, Clerk, Attorney, Assistants, \$3,460.67. Police Department. Salaries chief, jailer, patrolmen, \$1,990.00. Board of jailers, \$77.50. Police registrar's salary, \$90.00. Sundry expenses, \$10.52. 6,277.02. Fire Department. Salaries of regularly paid department, \$2,967.00. Salaries of volunteer dept., \$69.00. Fuel for team, \$10.54. Sundry expenses, \$202.00. 3,848.54.

Comparative Tables Showing Departmental Expenditures During the First Six Months of the Fiscal Years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896. ORDINARY EXPENDITURES. Mayor's Payroll, \$3,169.48 vs \$3,314.98 vs \$2,979.19 vs \$2,941.20. Police department, \$1,990.00 vs \$1,972.97 vs \$1,750.00 vs \$1,750.00. Fire department, \$2,967.00 vs \$2,972.98 vs \$3,175.00 vs \$3,175.00. Hydrant rental, \$2,633.44 vs \$2,633.44 vs \$2,633.44 vs \$2,633.44. Valeria Public Library—Expense account, \$333.13 vs \$333.13 vs \$333.13 vs \$333.13. Interest on bonds and warrants, \$5.56 vs \$5.56 vs \$5.56 vs \$5.56. Health department, \$433.21 vs \$433.21 vs \$433.21 vs \$433.21. City pound, \$99.07 vs \$99.07 vs \$99.07 vs \$99.07. Bridge repairs, \$1,443.71 vs \$1,443.71 vs \$1,443.71 vs \$1,443.71. General expense, \$1,315.06 vs \$1,315.06 vs \$1,315.06 vs \$1,315.06. Total, \$9,415.56 vs \$9,415.56 vs \$9,415.56 vs \$9,415.56.

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