

The Capitol has been set in order for the Forty-ninth congress. It has been thoroughly cleaned inside and outside, newly carpeted and otherwise made ready for the representatives of 60,000,000 of people.

Although the new congress meets in less than a month there is little speculation about its organization. Usually at this season an exciting contest over the speakership is in progress. This office, third in rank of the offices of the government, and second only to the presidency in point of power, is a prize justifying an earnest canvass. This year, for the first time almost in the history of congress, no contest is indicated. Mr. Randall has said he would not be a candidate for the speakership, and Mr. Carlisle is sure to be re-elected, as the Democrats have a clear majority of forty-two over the Republicans. Other old clerks are likely to be re-elected, Clark the clerk and Leedom the sergeant-at-arms. There is a vacancy, caused by death, in the office of doorkeeper, which is being sought by three candidates, including Mr. Eugene Higgins, the much abused appointment clerk of the treasury. The casting of the committee will not take much time, either, for most of the members will get their old places or be regularly promoted to fill vacancies.

Nearly one-half of the new congress will consist of inexperienced men. The total number of members in the house of representatives is 335. There will be 138 new members. These will be at a disadvantage for some time. No matter how able or how well informed a man may be on general subjects, he will be clumsy in congress until he learns something of its circuitous methods of doing business. It has been charged that the rules of the house were made especially for the purpose of retarding legislative work. The majority rule was abolished long ago and the present rules are so constructed that a well led minority can defeat with ease the most positive will of the majority.

There continues to be much talk about the result of the New York and Virginia elections. One effect thus far shown is encouraging to the administration. The Republican senators who have been threatening to make war on some of the appointments are much subdued, and not near so eager for a fight as they were.

Senator Logan says he did not make a bloody shirt campaign at all. In his opinion, Magnumpian philosophy is a delusion and a snare, and Empire State Republicans are slippery. Referring to the insinuations of some of the mourners that he had damaged the prospects of Mr. Davenport by not keeping that soiled nether garment concealed in his valise, Mr. Logan said: "If some gentleman in New York want a scapegoat in order to get from under the bay themselves, I suppose I can flee to the mountains as well as anyone."

Governor-elect Fitz Hugh Lee, of Virginia, and also Lieutenant Governor-elect Massey, have been in the city since their election. General Lee came with his two sons to make purchases, and only remained a few hours.

Senator Mahone is so broken politically and socially that some of his friends have been urging him to leave Virginia and make his future home in Washington. There are those, however, who express the hope that when he emigrates from his native state that he will not stop short of Alaska. There are others who wish for him a better climate. It has been suggested that he will rise from the depth of his gloom and run for congress next year.

Everything the president intends to recommend in his message will, it is thought, receive the support of his party. The administration is in high spirits, and great harmony among Democrats is looked for now.

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A man who used to preach the gospel in the settlements has written to a friend in Eureka, Nev., that he is running a bar in Uleida, Mont., and that his partner is Vaughan, an old timer from California, who used to deal fare in Colorado and was sent to the penitentiary for burglary. "He is a good gambling man," declares his ex-clerical partner in a burst of admiration, and adds by way of personal vindication: "Selling whiskey pays better than preaching, and besides it is no harder work."

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The following sensible editorial from the Missouri Republican commends itself to every thinking mind as a sure preventive of hard times, if not in a measure a cure for them. Going in debt, with many persons, is the result of a desire to get rich, or to secure a competency without a willingness to await the development of things in their natural order. Such persons, in their haste to get rich, as compared with slow-plodding, pay-as-you-go people, remind one of the race of the hare and the tortoise. The hare is fair to look upon, and promises well in his agile movements, but he cannot be depended upon to reach his destination on time. Hard times always cause a depreciation of values, but the man out of debt can afford to wait, if he desire so to do, while the debtor class have no discretion in the matter. When the inexorable demand is made, "Pay what thou owest," he has to meet it as best he can. And the best he can do involves great losses.

KEEP OUT OF DEBT. If Americans could have rooted out of them the ruinous and pernicious habit of living beyond their means, one of the active agencies in producing panics, business collapses and depressions of trade would be removed. We never know how general this habit is, till a crash like that of 1873 comes over the country. These crashes are sharp, preceptory notices to pay up, addressed to every person in debt. The demand has to be complied with, and the bankruptcies and breakups in every community that follow reveal the large number of persons who have been living on favor. It is easy enough to live beyond one's means when times are prosperous. Credit is promptly extended to all who can make a show of property, and not a few make a use of credit to secure a show of wealth, mortgaging property which they do not really own, and the interest charge on which swallows up a large fraction of their income. Debts are inexorable, and sooner or later they must be paid, either during life, by selling the unfortunate debtor's mortgaged possessions and leaving him a bankrupt, or at his death, by stripping his family of all their imagined wealth, and leaving them destitute.

There is no class of persons who can less afford to go into debt than farmers—and this because, when once in debt, they rarely get out. In many counties in Missouri, the American farmers are being gradually displaced by Germans—and the process is so complete as to have entirely transformed the community from what it was twenty years ago. The explanation is simple: Germans do not go in debt, nor live beyond their means, but they buy the farms of the Americans who do. Missouri farmers should remember the lesson of 1873, and profit by it. That disastrous collapse, which involved so many persons in ruin, was brought about by extravagance—and the next one that comes will be, in a very large measure, the product of the same cause. The only safety, when it comes, will be in freedom from mortgage-holders and money-lenders. Financial revulsions, panics, depressions and all that sort of a thing have no effect upon the farmers who are out of debt. They pass over their un-mortgaged roof without disturbing a shingle.

DEATHS from morphine are becoming excessively frequent in fashionable Paris society, owing to the prevalence of the opium habit. The latest victim is Mme. Cordier, the daughter of Lafitte, the banker, so famous during the reign of Louis Philippe. Like her sister, the Marchioness de Galliffet, she was one of the stars of the Tuilleries during the reign of the second empire. She was not so beautiful as her sister; her "goggle eyes" were a drawback. But her manners were very pleasing. Her first husband was the banker Erlanger, from whom she was divorced; then she wedded her second and last good man, a rich merchant. Her closing years were very troubled; she got into the hands of Jews and Gentiles, who lent her money on pictures and diamonds, "on the usual conditions known to the trade."

Or a noted battlefield the Atlanta Constitution remarks: "The battlefield of Missionary Ridge has been converted into a strawberry patch. Yankee colonists have climbed with hoes where Yankee soldiers rushed with bayonets, and the earth has reddened after each invasion. On these sunny slopes the gardener finds his ideal home, and the berry lazily perfects itself. Land that went begging a few years ago at \$2 an acre now commands \$250 an acre, and where natives starved on 500 acres are now New Englanders growing rich on ten acres."

J. A. GAINES, a prominent farmer of Andrew county, was killed while hunting recently. He stopped to rest and was sitting on a rail fence; the rail turned beneath him and the hammer of his shot gun struck a lower rail. Both barrels were discharged into his breast, from the effects of which he died in a few minutes. Deceased was 43 years old and leaves a wife and four children.

SOME venturesome missionaries contemplate establishing a church in the Welsh mountain district of Pennsylvania known as the fastnesses of the Buzzard gap. They are warned that they must expect the first gathering to be productive chiefly of gossip among the women and brawls among the men.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Christian J. Jacobs, deceased, have been granted me by the Probate court of Chariton county, bearing date the 16th day of September, 1885. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for payment within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

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