

OUR SOLONS AT PLAY

THE MERRY SIDE OF A NATIONAL LAWMAKER'S LIFE.

Good Stories Told on Members of Congress—How Brosius Fractures His Suspecters—Landis Mistaken For a Diamond Robber.

(Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—It may be that the rest of the country is disposed to look upon Washington as a city that is always sedate, where the atmosphere is heavily burdened with the serious things of life and, especially up around the capitol, where never a smile flits across the faces of the serious statesmen who are charged with the awful responsibility of shaping the destinies of 75,000,000 of human beings.



HON. J. P. DOLLIVER.

It would be hard to find a like number of men with a keener sense of humor or men who more readily seize upon every chance to lighten their burdens with the things of joy.

Some of the country's best story tellers are men who have served several terms in one or the other of the houses of congress, and the infectious spirit of humor which marks the fellowship of bright men thrown into daily (and nightly) contact for months at a time is said to sooner or later make breaches in the walls of hauteur that some new members think they must erect about themselves.

This doesn't mean that the life of a congressman while in Washington is all fun. It is only another instance that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

Generally the best things one hears in the restaurants and other spots about the capital where congenial spirits gather, as well as at the hotels, are the anecdotes and stories that the members tell on each other. Sometimes one of these stories is used during a discussion on the floor of the house or senate, but as a rule they are reserved for more exclusive use. The newspaper boys, however, generally get them all.

J. P. Dolliver of Iowa, one of the orators of the house, like a good joke and tells a good story once in awhile. By birth Mr. Dolliver is a Virginian, and there is a decided Old Dominion twang to the turn of his nose. He is nicknamed "Rolled Oats," a name given him by the young women at Spirit Lake, where he spent last summer. The young women said that Mr. Dolliver breakfasted every morning in ordering his breakfast and that a part of his orating was a rolling of every "r." The gentleman from Iowa appreciates the joke, as he has an unusual keen sense of humor. He showed this in a remark he made the other day when discussing the theater. "I have never seen but one tragedy," he said, "that did not seem like a comedy, and that was 'Hamlet' played by Booth."

A good story is told at the expense of Hon. Cyrus Sulloway, the tall representative from New Hampshire, who is a vigorous and graphic talker. It is related that in the campaign of 1896 Sulloway went to Portsmouth, N. H., to make a speech. The Republicans there, knowing his fiery nature, waited upon him with a few words of warning and explanation. "Cy," said they, "the Democrats around here will vote for McKinley this year if you don't scare them off. Whatever you say in your speech, don't get the Democrats mad. Concliate them, Cy; concliate them."

Sulloway shook his shaggy locks by way of understanding and approval. "All right!" he said.

The speech began. It ran along all right enough until Sulloway approached the sines and shortcomings of the Democratic party. Then he grew emphatic and eloquent; also severe. "If

before me," he said, "was a yawning chasm, and at the bottom of the chasm were the fires of perdition, and if above the chasm was suspended a basket containing the entire Democratic party, do you know what I would do?"

The crowd listened intently. The Democrats present were especially anxious to hear the answer. "I would cut the rope!" shouted Sulloway in his loudest voice.

The Republican committeemen who had appealed for conciliation went out on the sidewalk and said "Rats!"

Congressman Charles B. Landis of Indiana tells this one on himself: While on his way from Washington to Indianapolis during the holiday recess he found a young woman acquaintance on the train at Toledo. While they were engaged in conversation he noticed a stranger who was eying him very closely. The situation was becoming uncomfortable when the conductor entered the car. The latter was accosted by the stranger, and an earnest, undertone discussion took place between the two, the passenger appearing very persistent in what he was saying.

The conductor was a personal acquaintance of Congressman Landis, and finally he came to Landis and asked permission to introduce the stranger. The latter proved to be a detective, and he explained that he had received instructions to look for a small, heavy set, smooth faced man with gray hair, soft hat, double breasted coat and dark clothes, accompanied by a girl, who was wanted in an eastern city for a diamond robbery. Landis answered the description perfectly and but for the conductor would have had an embarrassing time.

"Private" Allen of Mississippi, who is considered the "wit of the house," tells a rather good story on Congressman Brosius of Pennsylvania. A party of representatives were on their way to Baltimore to attend a banquet, and Mr. Allen, who knew the propensity of the Pennsylvania member to become excited during a speech, made a bet that Mr. Brosius would fracture his suspender during the response to the toast to which he was assigned.

And, sure enough, the catastrophe occurred. During his talk Mr. Brosius had just "warmed up" and was appealing to "heaven above" in some connection when there was a significant snap. "There they go!" yelled Allen, and he was right. The laugh went around the board when the joke became known, and Mr. Brosius curtailed his remarks to an unusual degree. "I knew he would do it," said Mr. Allen afterward. "He never makes a speech in the house that he doesn't have to buy a new pair of suspenders. He's too strong for a congressman, anyhow."

Ernest W. Roberts, one of the new members from Massachusetts, is on the road to fame. During the first two weeks of the session he presented more bills and amendments to the constitution than any man in the house, the number being something over 50. They are said to cover every subject under the sun. He was asked one day why he had introduced so many bills.

"Have I?" he answered, and then he asked his private secretary how it had happened.

"Well," said the wide awake secretary, "I have presented for you the bills introduced by all your predecessors which were never passed. I thought this was the least you could do for them."

The congressional delegation that went on the trial trip of the battleship Alabama played a little trick on Congressman Thomas S. Butler of Pennsylvania which created considerable amusement. One of the guests who carried a photographing outfit aboard desired to take a picture of Edwin S. Cramp, the American and Russian naval officials and Congressman Bingham of Philadelphia, Loudenslager of New Jersey and Butler. The last named representative was missing when all arrangements had been made, and a search of 15 minutes about the vessel failed to locate him.

Finally the New Jersey congressman whispered to one of the searchers, and soon there arose between decks the cry of "Roll call!" In less than two minutes Congressman Butler rushed upon deck all out of breath. When he had recovered, he said that he had been enjoying a nap in his berth when he heard the cry of "Roll call!" and for the minute thought himself in the national capitol and that he was wanted in the house of representatives to vote on some important bill. He did not realize where he was until he struck the main deck and saw before him the laughing faces of his colleagues and others. Then he laughed too.

Old friends of Joe Blackburn of Kentucky who are interested in his return to his old place in the senate tell this story, which is characteristic of the famous Kentuckian:

Senator Blackburn was once a guest at a very large party, and he was the

lence. It was generally remarked, and Sam Gaines asked him what he was moping around in that style for. "I don't like this crowd," said Joe. "Why, Joe, there is not a man here who would not die for you. You astonish me," exclaimed Gaines.

"Oh, the boys are all right enough," returned Joe, "but the cussed crowd is too big for an anecdote and not big enough for a speech."

It was a spontaneous outburst of naive altogether unaffected. He had no thought of humor. He only gave vent to his feeling of disgust when he saw that he could not do all the talking.

SAMUEL HUBBARD.

RECORDS FOR THE WEEK.

History of the Transactions in Whitman County Lands.

Patents.

U S to Henry W Mauck, patent sw qr 10 19 44.

Deeds.

F Meyer to Chas Wood, It 19 b 14, 750 00

Hattie E Willoughby to Grand O Willoughby, It 5 b 7, Reaney's 1st add Pullman. 500 00

Joseph Canutt, sheriff to W R Lloyd Its 5 b 7 and se qr sw qr 6 17 46. 2211 84

Northern Pacific Railway Co to Jacob Schwetter, w hf w hf 23 14 38. 240 00

J W Ellis to Peter Ochs agreement a hf ne qr, se qr nw qr, Its 1 2 3, 5 15 43. 1960 95

J W Ellis to Oswald Koch, agreement sw 5 15 42. 1280 00

J W Ellis to Henry Schriber, agreement se qr, sw qr nw qr, It 4, 5 15 42 1929 00

C B King to Lewis Cox, nw qr 28 16 41 1 00

P W Cox et al to Lewis Cox, nw qr 28 16 41 1 00

Nathan Cox to Lewis Neeson, nw qr 28 16 41. 650 00

Mahala B Case to E N Bellus, Its 1 2 b 45 Holbrook's add Garfield. 200 00

Stephen Corner to Mrs F N Penn, tract ne qr 4 17 43, R W in McCroskey's add Garfield. 425 00

Improvement Co Guy to Frank V McMahon, It 9 b 23 24 synd add Guy. 30 00

Andrew P Anderson to Cora L Sumner, nw qr 12 15 40. 500 00

Northern Pacific R R Co to W G Estep ne qr and nw qr 11 20 45. 960 00

Sherrerd Brock to I J Harper nw qr nw qr 24 20 49. 200 00

Francis M Gunn to Stephen P Lawrence, Its 3 10 11 12 b 15 J H Hance, tract ne qr 4 17 43, R W in McCroskey's addition to Oakesdale. 100 00

Joseph O Catlett to The Public, Catlett addition to Winona. 250 00

Lorain S Gano to Frank Gano, Its 1 2 b 45 Holbrook's add Garfield. 500 00

Joseph O Catlett to H W Livingstone, 10 lots Catlett addition to Winona. 480 00

N P R R Co to F J Madant, sw qr 11 14 40. 1200 00

Samuel Kilgore to John H Janssen s hf ne qr, Its 1 2, 6 17 41. 500 00

1st Nat'l Bank, Colton to 1st Bank, Colton, Its 1 2 3 4 5 6 b 15, Ferguson's 1st addition, Colton. 11400 00

1st Nat'l Bank, Colton to 1st Bank, Colton, ne qr, e hf nw qr se 35, hf nw qr se 35, e hf sw qr 26 13 44; pt 17 b 5 and pt 16 b 3, Colton. 1500 00

Henry Wax to Rachel Emnard, property of Henry Wax, 25, 1894. 15 00

D W Truxax to Trustees Tekoa Lodge No. 73 I O O F, It 1 b 9, Tekoa cemetery. 1500 00

Helen M Bell to John Schimick, se qr 26 17 40. 1500 00

Real Mortgages.

James M East to Alliance Trust Co 13 1300 00

C W Rice to J J Stephens Its 1 2 3 8 9 10 b 3, Thornton. 150 00

W R Lloyd to Mrs R Nessly Its 5 6 7 and se qr sw qr 6 17 46. 1000 00

W F Spores to 1st Bank Tekoa part ne qr and se qr ne qr sw qr 45 and Its 1 and 2 se 30 all pt 20 45 Alma C Overby to Wm I Phillips nw qr 19 45. 280 25

W F Spores to Jacob Oglesw qr 8 19 45 Perry Prettyman to C A Leighton s hf se qr nw qr se qr sw qr 2 19 44. 400 00

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Jonathan Johnson to W H Enos, leases e hf se qr and sw qr se qr 13 44 for 4 products. 600 00

L McLeellan to D J McLeellan, furniture and fixtures Pullman laundry 1st Nat'l Bank, Colton to 1st Bank, furniture and fixtures of 1st Nat'l Bank, Colton. 500 00

Miscellaneous

Frances L Dodge vs Riley B Hatley, et al.—Lis Pendens. S J Abbott vs E Chase and J T Arrasmith.—Lis Pendens.

Even Buller Wins

Durban, Feb. 19.—The bombardment of the Boer position on Hlangwane hill was continued yesterday and fighting is still proceeding at 6 o'clock this evening. It is said the British have captured 100 prisoners. The Boers are retiring and General Buller's forces are now entering Dordrecht. Dispatches from Maseru say that large forces are being sent from the Transvaal to the Free State under prominent generals. It is also said the Free Staters are making a desperate effort to collect an army to face the British at Koffyfontein. An official proclamation orders out all male inhabitants between the age of 16 and 60, and enthusiasts declare that everyone up to the age of 100 must go. At Kimberley a report is current but not confirmed that Mafeking has been relieved. Buller took Monte Cristo hill and several Boer camps, a wagon load of ammunition and several of supplies.

At a meeting at Pittsburg of the East Erie League under the auspices of the National Reform bureau of Washington, D. C., resolutions were adopted condemning as a crime against civilization the exportation of American whisky and beer to our newly acquired territories and it was decided to petition congress to re-nact the anti-canteen law.

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Thursday, March 15th

The following described property, to-wit:

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Black Gelding "Jim," seven years old past, weighs over 1500, splendid work horse.

Black Mare "Jennie," seven years old past, half sister to "Jim" and good match for him; weighs about 1500.

Brown Mare "Dewey" and "Sampson," geldings, five past, out of French Canadian stallion, worked two seasons.

Gray Mare "Nancy," seven years old past, splendid young mare.

Bay Gelding "Dick," five past, blocky, weighs about 1200; the best type of horse for general farm work.

Sorrel Gelding "Billy," worked through two seasons, weighs about 1100; a good horse.

Gray Mare "Nancy," good work and saddle animal, weighs about 1100.

Sorrel Mare "Mona," magnificent young mare, coming four, gentle, well broken, weighs about 1100.

Sorrel Gelding "Dave," a fine young horse, coming four, worked part of the past season.

Gray Mare "Maud," weighs 1300, a good brood and draft mare.

Gray Mare "Gipsy," weighs about 1250, a splendid brood mare, gentle and reliable for all kinds of work.

Brown Mare "Fanny," Hambletonian stock, worked two seasons, well built and strong.

Sorrel Mare "Flora," about twelve, weighs over 1100, an easy keeper and stands up to the work with larger horses.

Bay Mare, a fine young mare that will make a 1300 pound animal.

The above horses have been grain fed and are ready for business.

MACHINERY, WAGONS, TOOLS, Etc

A Hodge No. 2 Header, in good condition and good for much service. Three large Header Beds, one of them a Header and one a Cultivator, set, nearly as good as new, cost \$300.—A Monitor Shoe Drill, nearly new.—An Old Hoosier Hoe and one Wagon and one Wagon (running gears).—One old Wagon—Two California 16-foot Racks.—Two Hay Racks.—One 14 inch and one 12 inch "Pop" Saw.—One 14 inch Gang Plow.—One A-section Iron Harrow.—One Walking Plow.—One Planet Junior Orchard Cultivator.—One 12 foot Corn Cultivator.—One all steel Hay Rake.—One Disc Harrow.—One Weed Cutter.—Two Mowers.—One Grindstone.—One 2 Bob Saw.—One 2 Bob Saws.—One set of Harness.—Forks, Shovels, Maul, Small Tools, Single and Double-trees, Etc.

I will also offer for sale some of my pure bred Berkshire boars and sows as breeding stock.

TERMS OF SALE—For all sums under \$100.00, cash; for sums of \$100.00 or over, a credit of six months will be given, purchaser giving his note with approved security.

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The improvements that have been made during the past few years in its tracks, roadbed, bridges, trestles, tunnels, etc., have virtually made a new road of the Northern Pacific. The roadbed has been widened, trestles filled in, and heavier steel rails laid, grades cut down, wooden bridges replaced by steel ones, curves taken out, tunnels lined with brick and concrete, and improvements made wherever possible. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent in this way during 1898 and 1899, besides large sums in previous years. New and mammoth locomotives capable of drawing the heavy transcontinental passenger trains of seventy-five miles per hour when necessary, have been bought. The Progress and advancement have been and are the order of the day. Such a road, solid, smooth, safe, it is a pleasure to ride over, especially as it runs through the finest scenery in the west and touches all the greater cities found there. Pullman's best cars, both tourist and first class sleeping cars and a royal dining car, are a part of the through trains running between Minneapolis and St. Paul on the east and Portland on the west. Your bedroom and dining car room are carried along with you all the way—where you are they are, where you go they go.

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In Bankruptcy.

No. 369.

In the district court of the United States, for the district of Washington, southern division.

In the matter of Erastus J. Bryant and Monroe Bryant, partners under the firm name of Bryant Bros., and Erastus J. Bryant and Sylvia E. Bryant, his wife, bankrupts.

To the Honorable Cornelius H. Hanford, judge of the district court of the United States, for the district of Washington, southern division.

George W. Hill and Era Belle Hill, his wife, having their principal place of business, and residing near Pullman, in the county of Whitman and state of Washington, in said district, respectfully represent that on the 18th day of November, 1899, last past, they and each of them were duly adjudged bankrupts under the acts of congress, relating to bankruptcy; that they and each of them have duly surrendered all their property and rights of property, and have fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the court touching their bankruptcy.

Wherefore they and each of them pray that they may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against their estate under such bankrupt act, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 7th day of February, 1900.

GEORGE W. HILL, ERA BELLE HILL, W. H. HARVEY, H. J. WELTY, Attorneys.

District of Washington—ss.

On this 13th day of February, A. D. 1900, on reading the foregoing petition, it is:

Ordered by the court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 15th day of February, 1900, before H. W. Canfield, referee at Colfax, in said district, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon; and that notice thereof be published two weeks in the Colfax Gazette, a weekly newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.