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CURRENT COMMENT.

DR. KNAPPE, the German Consul at Samoa, has been placed upon the retired list.

The lower House of the Iowa Legislature has passed the Australian Ballot Reform bill.

STRIKING workmen were turbulent at Vienna recently. They pillaged the Jews and set fire to a wine shop.

FRENCH papers are urging the French Government to renew its demands for the evacuation of Egypt by the British.

The lumbermen of Canada have united in a vigorous protest against the proposed increase of duty on American pork.

SEN. GREENWALD, Rome correspondent of the Frankfurt Zeitung, has been expelled from Italy for attacking the triple alliance.

The Canadian Parliament has raised the penalty for polygamy from two to five years. This is aimed at the Mormons settling in Manitoba.

The House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures has ordered a favorable report on a bill for the recoinage of worn subsidiary coin.

MR. GLADSTONE, addressing a number of deputations at the railroad station at Tring recently, said the Government's Irish Land Purchase bill was in a fishy condition, judging from the manner of its reception even by the friends of the Government. It would be awkward, he said, if after the loan had been made the debtors should repudiate on the ground that they were forced to borrow.

RUSSIAN authorities acted with considerable severity in punishing the disorderly students. Fifty-five at the Agricultural Academy at Moscow were sent home and three were expelled; twenty were sent home from the St. Petersburg University and two were expelled from the Technological Institute; thirteen sent home and two expelled from the School of Forestry, and fifteen sent home and two expelled from the Veterinary School at Charkoff.

SENATOR CULLOM has reported favorably from the Committee on Inter-State Commerce the bill to amend section 13 of the Inter-State Commerce act of the amendments provided that the Commission may require the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents from any place in the United States at any place of hearing fixed by the Commission; also that the testimony may be taken by deposition upon motion by any party to the case or by order of the Commission.

The Northern Society of Georgia has adopted a constitution. The objects are described as social intercourse among Northern men resident in the South, the dissemination of reliable information, the discouragement or counteraction of inconsiderate action or speeches tending to estrange any portions of our country, and the development of the resources of the South. Discussion of politics or religion at any of the society's meetings is punishable by expulsion.

The other day at Galena, Ill., a mother and daughter stood at the altar together and both took upon themselves the vows of wedlock, the grandmother of the junior bride acting as bridesmaid. The parties, male and female, to the unique affair were: William E. Hammond, of Dubuque, and Mrs. Mary J. Reddington, of Jo Daviess county, and Louis Bournein, of Warren, and Miss E. J. Reddington. The first named lady was on the shady side of fifty and her daughter was a comely maiden of twenty.

The appointment of General Miles to the Major-Generalship in the army vacant by the death of General George Crook, was said to be largely due to the influence of the Pacific coast delegation in Congress. General Miles was an especial friend of Senator Squire, of Washington, and that statesman made it his business to secure the co-operation of the entire Pacific coast delegation in Congress, in urging upon the President the appointment of General Miles. Senator Squire was obliged to hasten in a cab to Senator Stanford's residence in order to get that Senator to sign one petition, just prior to his departure for his California home.

The House Committee on the Judiciary has completed consideration of the Torrey Bank bill introduced by Representative E. R. Taylor, of Ohio, and ordered it to be reported favorably. A number of amendments have been made, but they are simply corrections and changes of phraseology and do not affect the principles of the bill. Mr. Culberson, of Texas, will submit a minority report and urge the substitution of his own bill, which is a short measure, providing for the discharge within six months after bankruptcy of any bankrupt who has in good faith assigned to a trustee all of his property not exempt under local law.

SECRETARY PROCTOR has issued an order directing that a record be furnished and kept in the War Department of services, efficiency and special qualifications, personal habits, etc., of officers of the army below the rank of Colonel, including the condition of the commands and percentage of desertions therefrom. This novel step in the way of army reform is based on the custom of the German army chiefs of keeping a constant record of the special attainments and qualifications of each officer. It is designed to fill a want that has of late years been seriously felt in the army whenever it has been necessary to send an officer on some special service for which peculiar qualifications are required.

COLONEL JOHN BERMAN, of Chicago, died recently at San Diego, Cal., of nervous prostration. He was seventy years old, a native of Plattburgh, N. Y., and in former years was the brightest ornament of the criminal bar of Cook County, Ill.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Glenned By Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESS.

The entire session of the Senate on the 7th was devoted to debate on the Montana election case, no final action being reached. When the House met Mr. Morrill (Kan.) moved to suspend the rules and pass (with a substitute) the Senate Dependent Pension bill. The substitute provides a service pension of \$5 per month to soldiers who have attained the age of 62 years or who are dependent. After a lengthy debate the motion to suspend the rules was lost by a vote of 160 yeas to 87 nays, not the necessary two-thirds. Among the bills passed was one for a public building at Salina, Kan., at a cost of \$20,000, and a bill for two additional land-offices in Nebraska. The Naval Appropriation bill was then considered until adjournment.

In the Senate on the 8th Mr. Morrill (Kan.) reported back the House bill to admit free duty articles intended for the St. Louis Exposition in 1890 that might be imported from Mexico. The bill was amended to read "and other American Republics and the Dominion of Canada," and the bill passed. After disposing of resolutions the Montana case was taken up and further debated but adjournment was called for. The bill taken up and passed as it came from the Judiciary Committee. The House passed several bills of minor importance, and a bill making an appropriation to cover the Sillcott defalcation passed. The Naval Appropriation bill was then considered in Committee of the Whole until adjournment.

The Senate on the 9th passed the House bill appropriating \$75,000 to reimburse members of the Senate defalcation, and then resumed the Montana case. After several speeches the matter went over. The Chinese Remuneration bill was then taken up. It was reported by the Judiciary Committee without action and the Senate adjourned. In the House the Senate bill passed admitting free duty articles intended for the St. Louis Exposition in 1890 from Mexico and other American Republics and Canada. The Senate amendment to the Oklahoma Townsite bill was agreed to and the Naval Appropriation bill considered in Committee of the Whole until adjournment.

The day in the Senate on the 10th was occupied almost exclusively in debate upon the Montana election case. Immediately after prayer the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Naval Appropriation bill. When the committee rose the bill was favorably reported, and pending further action the House adjourned.

AFTER routine business on the 11th the Senate resumed debate on the Montana case, which occupied most of the session. Senator Hawley reported the House bill for the World's Fair at Chicago with amendments, and after six executive sessions the Senate adjourned until Monday. The House took up the Virginia contest of Waddell against Wilson and after a debate the case went over. An evening session was held to consider pension matters, but the attendance was so small that it was characterized as merely a debating society.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

The election at Kansas City, Mo., on the 8th went in favor of the Democrats. A waterworks issue was involved and probably had something to do with the result.

W. W. WARDEN died recently at Washington. He was a newspaper man and was private secretary of President Johnson.

BWANI-HEBI and Ichasi, the insurgent leaders, and a remnant of their followers have surrendered to Major Wissman in East Africa.

MUNICIPAL elections occurred in Ohio on the 7th. A tight vote was polled, showing Democratic gains.

The Premiers of Germany, Austria and Italy are expected to meet soon in Austria.

MUCH talk was created at Washington by Congressman Phelan, of Memphis, Tenn., sending a challenge to fight a duel to Gen. Fleming, of the Knoxville Sentinel, which challenge Fleming declined.

The California Prohibition convention has nominated General John Bidwell for Governor.

MISS ANNIE HEASLITT GOULD, of Auburn, N. Y., daughter of the late Thomas Gould, a noted young society woman, a graduate of Welles College, and a friend of Mrs. Grover Cleveland, has run away and married George L. Winters, her coxswain.

The Iowa Senate has refused to disturb the Prohibition law, the license bills being thrown out.

SILVIO DE VITO, who, with Mazzini and Armentini formed a triumvirate in 1848 when the people rose in rebellion and drove Pius IX. from Rome and established a republic, is dead.

The Pan-American Congress has adopted a report recommending a customs union under certain restrictions.

TRINIDAD was a riot at Valencia, Spain, on the 11th, caused by the arrival of the Carlist leader, Marquis O'ralba. The mob attacked the Carlist Club and tried to burn a church and sack the Jesuits' College. Several persons were wounded.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has approved the Sillcott Defalcation Appropriation bill.

The reprimand administered by General Schofield to Lieutenant Steele for striking Private Wild was rather a mild one, much to the disgust of the private.

The Senate has confirmed Lewis A. Grant to be Assistant Secretary of War, Brigadier-General Nelson A. Miles to be Major-General, Colonel R. H. Grierson to be Brigadier-General, Major T. H. Stanton to be Deputy Paymaster-General and Frank Buchanan to be Marshal for the Eastern district of Missouri.

The election to fill the vacancy in the English House of Commons for the Carnarvon district, caused by the death of Edmund Swetenham, Conservative, resulted in the return of Lloyd George, Liberal.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PETER WEISLAUPT, aged thirty-three years, was found hanging from a tree at Leesdale, Pa., the other morning. Some time ago he joined the Economites and from that time has been dependent because, according to the laws of the society, he would not marry.

In view of the celebration of the approaching birthday of the Emperor of China, the execution of all persons condemned to death within the limits of the fowery kingdom has been postponed until after that happy event.

The Canadian Cabinet has decided to extend the modus vivendi for the coming fishing season.

The bank of Fort Morgan, Col., has assigned with \$40,000 liabilities and \$20,000 assets.

A cyclone struck Roanoke, Va., on the 9th, and the blast house of the Crozier furnace was blown down, killing Fred Phillips, Nelson Johnson and Henry Casey. Six other men were injured.

ASLEEP IN DEATH.

A Distinguished Citizen No More—Samuel Jackson Randall Dead—His Last Years Calm and Full of Peace—His Deeds Stranded by His Family and Friends.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—It was a sad and touching scene at the Randall residence on Capital Hill when Congressman Samuel J. Randall expired this morning, just as the bells of a neighboring church were tolling 6 o'clock.

Around the bedside were gathered the family, the physician and Postmaster-General Wanamaker, who had all kept constant watch over the dying man during the night.

A few minutes before his death he had opened his eyes, and looking tenderly at his wife, said in a low tone: "Mother"—a word instinct with all the fondest recollections of their long and happy married life, and by which he always called his wife when he was alone. He looked into her eyes as if he were able to say something more, but he seemed to have no strength left, and in a few moments he had passed away.

Death had come with the coming of the dawn. The watchers saw that all was over and the brave wife and daughter, who had nursed and cared for him during his long illness, could restrain their feelings no longer, but gave way to their grief, while the physician and Mr. Wanamaker endeavored to console them as best they might, though their own grief hardly permitted them to speak.

Mr. Randall's death had been expected at any time during the past three days and his family and friends knew that he could not last much longer. The physicians had informed the family that death might come almost any hour, and last night they told Mrs. Randall that his endurance could not prolong his life through another day.

Friday night had been a bad one for the sick man and he had several sinking spells, from which he rallied, to the astonishment of his physicians. These, however, left him weaker, and when morning came it was evident that his extraordinary vitality had almost left him. He rested easily and comfortably during the fore part of the day, and the doctor was encouraged to hope that he might live several days yet. He took some nourishment and dozed off without difficulty. Shortly after 3 o'clock, however, a marked change was noticed in his appearance and he seemed almost to sink away. This spell was worse than any of the preceding ones, and it was thought that the end was at hand. All the members of the family were present and also Dr. Mallan, who has attended Mr. Randall through his illness, and who has grown to have an interest in the case almost as great as that of one of the family.

Dr. N. S. Lincoln, the consulting physician, and Postmaster-General Wanamaker, were hastily summoned, expecting each moment would be the last, until 6 o'clock, when he rallied some from the state of collapse. It left him with very little strength remaining, and Dr. Mallan became convinced that he could hardly live through the night.

Dr. Lincoln left soon after 6 o'clock, but others remained with the sick man. There was little or no change up to midnight, except that he was steadily growing weaker.

Young Sammy Randall went to a neighbor's house to sleep, but was hastily summoned about 3 o'clock in the morning, when the doctor informed the family that Mr. Randall could not live through the night. He was in a state of semi-unconsciousness most of the time.

About 3:30 o'clock he had another sinking spell and afterwards his mind became more bright. The sick man lay in the front room of the second story of his modest home and daylight was just beginning to shed its rays into the room when Mr. Randall opened his eyes and looked tenderly at his wife. He recognized her and in a half whisper said simply "mother." He then closed his eyes and sank away, death coming from exhaustion, as the bells of a nearby church rang the hour of 5 o'clock to call worshippers to early mass.

Mr. Randall's death was painless, and he was unconscious during the greater part of his last hours. There were intervals when, from the intelligent and steady gaze which he directed at those about him, he must have been conscious, but he seemed unable to speak, and the word "mother" was the only one he uttered for hours preceding his death. This word he murmured so low that the only one who recognized what he said was his daughter, who was kneeling just behind him.

Around him were Mrs. Randall, Robert E. Randall, Miss Susan Randall, Mrs. Lancaster, the married daughter, and her husband, Samuel Randall, Jr., Dr. Mallan, Postmaster-General Wanamaker and the household servants.

For a moment the family hardly realized that all was over, but then as the fact that he was dead broke upon them they gave way to their grief and burst into tears. The shock was especially severe to Mrs. Randall and her daughter Susan, who, rejecting all offers of assistance, have nursed the husband and father throughout his illness of almost two years' duration.

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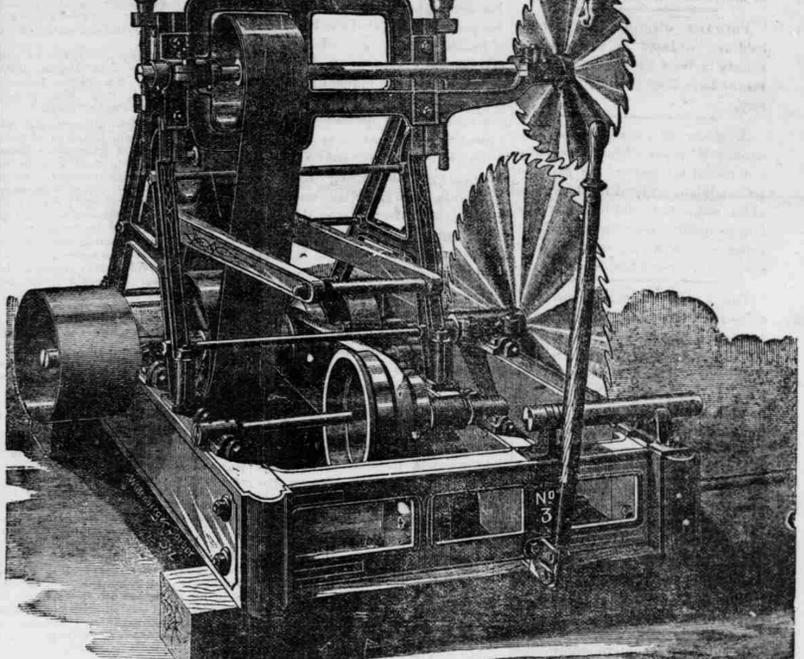


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