

Letter From Washington.

Congress is again in session. With strong republican majorities in both chambers and with a republican president in the White House there will be no obstacles to the enactment of such legislation as is essential to the nation's welfare and there will be time for little more during the current session. When Speaker Henderson lifted the gavel to call the house to order at noon Monday, he was treated to an ovation for it was realized that it was the last time that he would open a session of the house of representatives. Before the opening, however, a similar ovation had been given to Representative Cannon who is regarded as the assured speaker of the next house and many hearty congratulations were extended. The house presented a brilliant scene for some time before the hour of noon. The galleries were filled with brightly dressed women and the floral tributes sent to the representatives were many and beautiful. The scene was not without its somber side, however, for three desks in the lower chamber were draped with crepe and covered with flowers. They were those formerly occupied by Representatives Russell of Connecticut, and deGraffenreid and Sheppard of Texas. Out of respect to the memories of these members the house adjourned before receiving the president's message which was sent to the Capitol at noon Tuesday.

Even more brilliant was the scene in the senate when President pro tem Frye, brought down his gavel and announced that the second session of the fifty-seventh congress was now in session. Immediately Senator Burrows rose to announce the death of his late colleague, Senator McMillan, and to present General Alger who has been appointed to fill the late senator's unexpired term. Only the sad nature of Senator Burrows' first announcement prevented the new senator being greeted with cheers and when he had taken the oath of office, his new colleagues crowded about him to extend congratulations on the vindication which the General predicted would be his when he departed from Washington after resigning the portfolio of war. Almost immediately the chair recognized Senator Burrows again who then moved that, as a mark of respect to his late colleague, the senate adjourn, and adjournment was taken until noon Tuesday. This is the third successive time that the receipt of the president's message has been postponed by death. One year ago, congress adjourned out of respect to President McKinley, and the year before it was out of respect to Vice President Hobart. As this fact was remarked, some of the older senators shook their heads and asked each other, "Who will be the next?"

Even this early in the session it may be said with every assurance that there will be no tariff revision before the 4th of March. Senator Frye and Representative Payne have both assured your correspondent of this fact and there is no one more competent to speak. Even Senator Hansbrough, who represents the tariff revision sentiment of the Northwest, says that there will be no time for tariff revision during the short session. Senator Frye predicts that there will be anti-trust legislation which will be in the nature of an amendment to the Sherman law and will conform to the recommendations of Attorney General

This is magnificent weather to call attention to the great need of paved streets.

The democrats of this county think they are "some pumpkins" because they have gobbled onto a few pieces of pie.

The railroads are letting their employes in on the general prosperity the country is now enjoying by advancing their wages 10 per cent in all branches. In democratic times it is reduce wages and bring on strikes.

Since Col. Ed. Butler is the creator of the supreme court the question naturally arises as to what the supreme court will do with the St. Louis democratic boss, briber and election crook, since his case is to be passed up to that tribunal.

It is barely possible that the present over-supply of rain is the result of Governor Dockery's famous "word of prayer," issued during the drought of last year. The governor would earn the everlasting gratitude of the people of this part of the state if he would now close the floodgates for about four months.

Knox as they were voiced in his now famous Pittsburg speech. Mr. Frye said that he could see no possible objections to such legislation and that he believed congress stood ready to amend the law as to make in meet those requirements which the Attorney General had learned from experience to be essential.

Referring to tariff revision, Senator Hansbrough said today, "The Dingley law is not a sacred institution. It may be, and I think it should be, revised at an early date. Nobody believes that the policy of protection is to be overturned in this country but it must be judiciously applied from time to time to meet changing conditions. There is no reason to fear a panic or anything approaching hard times even if the tariff is revised by its friends. The making of a tariff bill, however, with its four thousand or more articles to be considered, is a tremendous task. It cannot be done during a short session. The most we may hope for, this session, is the ratification of one or two of the least objectionable reciprocity treaties. There should be no delay in reaching a proper agreement with Cuba, not that we "owe Cuba" but that we owe ourselves much. General tariff revision, however, is altogether a different matter. Congress must have ample time before it when a tariff law is to be enacted. It should have a long session, or better still, an extra session when congress can pay particular attention to the business in hand."

A vigorous effort is to be made early in the session to secure the passage of the ship subsidy bill. Referring to his measures, Senator Frye said, that the organization of the Morgan shipping syndicate presented a new and urgent reason for the passage of the bill. If the shipping bill became a law at this session of congress a sum, conservatively estimated at \$50,000,000, which would be expended by the syndicate for new ships, would be spent in this country and would go to American manufacturers and American workmen. Without the inducement offered by the bill, however, that sum would be expended abroad where cheap labor would permit the construction of the new ships at lower cost. "Congress has an opportunity to save this sum for American industries," said the senator, "but it remains to be seen if it will improve it, although I sincerely hope it will"

The president has received word from Havana that progress is being made by General Bliss in the negotiation of the Cuban treaty and is much encouraged at the news. He hopes that the treaty may be completed so that it will be ready to send to the senate even before the holiday recess, although there is probability that such expedition cannot be made.

Through the courtesy of the president, the historic crystal chandeliers which have long hung in the parlors of the White House, as well as a number of marble mantels, old and valuable book-cases, etc., are to be sent to the Capitol and there is a considerable rivalry between the chairmen of the various committees, each of whom desires to secure some of this historic furniture for his committee room. The chandeliers alone are valued at \$1,500 each and there are nine of them.

The Meadville Messenger is preparing a special literary edition for Christmas. It will be printed on book paper and will be made up of stories, selections and an historical review of the year in the county. All the matter will be contributed by Missouri writers.

Owing to the continued wet weather the farmers of this locality are not much more than commenced on corn gathering. Corn is turning out well and selling at 30 cents per bushel. Missouri is ahead for quantity of corn this year, the average being 104, while Illinois, the great corn producing state, is 94; Indiana 97, and others much less.

The democratic St. Louis Post-Dispatch claims there should be no distinction made between lobbyists and that ex-Governor Stone is no better than Bill Phelps and others of the same profession. The P-D is printing Stone's record on the trust question and if there is anything in it that entitles him to a seat in the United States senate it has not yet been discovered.

COUNTY COURT.

Proceedings of the Regular Monthly Meeting Held at Linneus Last Monday.

County court convened pursuant to adjournment, all members present. Valuation of 1 sw 32, 59, 19 for tax 1902, reduced \$160.

Of nw sw 32, 59, 19, same, reduced \$80.

Of lots 4 and 5, block 1, Hansen's addition to Brookfield, reduced \$200. Merchants statement M. Y. Rusk for tax 1902, reduced \$150.

All above reductions on account of error of assessor.

W. L. Kirk loaned \$200 from school fund.

Official bond A. L. Pratt, probate judge elect, approved.

Official bond John L. Bowyer, recorder elect, approved.

Resignation J. W. Power, justice of the peace within and for Parson Creek township ordered accepted.

Bridge commission ordered to advertise and let contract for building bridge across Badger Creek between section 24 and 25, 60, 18.

Ordered that the report of bridge commissioner of letting the contract to John Gilligan for building the following steel bridges be received and approved: Across Badger Creek between 23 and 24, 60, 18; across Strawberry between 28 and 33, 69, 21; across Bariton in 25, 57, 19; across Long Branch in 25, 63, 20; across a branch in 36, 58, 22; across Muddy in 25, 60, 22; across Muddy between 15 and 52, 60, 23; across Bear Branch between 2 and 10, 58, 19; across a branch in 13, 58, 22.

ALLOWANCES.

E McArthur, assessing N Salen twp.	438 45
W H Evans, same, Parson Creek twp	71 15
F T Sautford, same, Bucklin twp.	85 52
R J Dall, waiting on probate court.	10 00
J B Fleming, criminal costs.	214 08
J P Bradley, judge.	6 85
R J Doll, board prisoners.	9 00
Linn Co News stationery.	90 00
T M Davis, care inmates infirmary.	218 18
Lewis Morris, service janitor.	6 00
E G Fetter and son, hardware.	24 00
Rice Morris & Co. stove for County clerk's office.	19 00
T B Bowyer, canvassing vote.	1 50
T J Peery, same.	1 50
W Adams, Co clerk.	219 46
R W Hood, cash paid for stamps.	9 80
E T Bowden, care children.	24 00
The Gast Co., stationery.	41 20
R M Tunnell, Paid for stamps from June 1, 1901	74 24
Pauline Morris, washing for prisoners	2 50
D J Brewer, election expenses.	3 00
D G Shillett, same.	4 50
E E Buckman, same.	5 50
A E Bettselheim Co., same.	4 05
Belle Medley, care parents.	5 00
T P Burns, Co Attorney.	66 05
J B Fleming, Co treasurer.	83 33
H C Prewitt, burial paupers.	29 20
T M Lodge, repairing bridge.	10 25
Mrs. G F Howe, care children.	15 00
Frank Norvell, repairing bridge.	68 50
Hilton & Carmichael, hardware.	6 64
John Gilligan, repairing bridge.	621 10
D Hallam, work at bridge.	12 50
J T Hamilton & Son, lumber for bldg.	67 57
T L McMichael, bridge contract.	66 25
Robt. Caughorn, repairing bridge.	30 10
Mrs A J Smith, care father.	3 00
J W Harrison, work at infirmary.	3 00
R J Dall, paid as reward and capt.	300 00
W A Campbell, iron and rod for bldg.	4 50
County Judges allowed exp.	5 00
R J Dall, waiting on Co court.	2 00

Adjourned until 1st Monday in January, 1903.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.
"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1 at W. R. Barton's.

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1	Local passenger to Missouri River and west from the east.	6:30 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
41	"The Burlington Northern-Pacific Express" for Kansas City, Northwest Nebraska, Black Hills, Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Puget Sound, Portland from St. Louis.	6:30 p.m.	3:10 p.m.
5	Nebraska-Columbia Express to St. Joseph and the West from the East.	8:40 p.m.	6:35 a.m.
A. 91	Way freight, west-bound.	6:35 a.m.	7:35 a.m.
A. 35	Way freight, west-bound.	7:35 a.m.	8:35 a.m.
16	To Hannibal, St. Louis and east from the west.	12:45 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
42	To Hannibal, St. Louis and east from the west.	12:45 p.m.	11:25 a.m.
4	Local passenger to Brookfield from Kansas City, Chicago, Peoria and St. L. R. & N. W. points.	11:25 a.m.	9:15 p.m.
42	To Hannibal, St. Louis and east from the west.	12:15 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
A. 92	Way freight, east-bound.	9:00 p.m.	3:10 p.m.
A. 94	Way freight, east-bound.	3:10 p.m.	8:15 p.m.
60	Way freight to Brookfield.	8:15 p.m.	8:15 a.m.
A. 1	Local passenger for Carrollton.	3:15 p.m.	3:25 p.m.
A. 2	Way freight from Moulton.	3:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
A. 3	Way freight, south bound.	8:00 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
A. 4	Local passenger north bound.	11:25 a.m.	6:15 p.m.
6	Way freight north bound (Monday Wednesday Friday and Saturday).	7:45 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
10	Way freight north bound (Tuesday and Saturday day only).	6:45 a.m.	6:45 a.m.
12	Fast freight north bound (Thursday only).	6:45 a.m.	6:45 a.m.

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