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The Senate is practically a dead-lock and unless it can be broken all the democratic legislation which has been promised the people will fail. This may appear to be a strong statement, but it is strictly true. When the agreement was reached between those who favor and those who oppose the Vorhees repeal bill to prolong the debate until all who had expressed a wish to speak thereon shall have an opportunity to do so—two weeks or more—the acknowledgement was made that the Senate was in a dead-lock over that bill; that it was impossible to force a vote. If a majority larger than that which the bill for the repeal of the laws authorizing Federal interference with elections or the tariff bill will have cannot force a vote, how can a vote be forced upon those measures, or indeed upon any others that may be passed by the House and opposed by the solid republican vote in the Senate. That is the situation in a nut shell, and disagreeable as it is to democrats it is better to face it than to pretend not to see it. Senators pretend to believe that a vote will easily be reached on the Vorhees bill in two or three weeks, but it should not be forgotten that the same men professed to be certain that the same bill would be a law before the 15th of September.

A way out of the present dead-lock and a preventative of any future dead-locks has been placed ready made into the hands of the democratic Senators by Senator Platt, of Conn. That democrats should feel a repugnance towards the adoption of Senator Platt's resolution providing for a cloture rule which is now in the hands of the committee on Rules, is perfectly natural. Still it would be well for them to keep that weapon where it can be used, if all other methods of proceeding with the business of the people shall fail. The democratic party expects the democratic Senators to pass the relief measures the party has pledged itself to pass.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., September 25.—The House by the very decisive vote of 142 to 57 decided against allowing clerks at \$6 a day to each of sixteen House committees which rarely ever hold a meeting or transact any business, and thus put itself on record as favoring economy in public expenditures no matter where the money is spent, and also put itself in line with the administration which declared war against sinecures from the first day of its existence.

Representative Holman since he became chairman of the House committee on Indian Affairs has gone into the subject of Indian expenditures with his usual thoroughness, and he now announces that material reductions may be made in every direction without injury to the interests of the Indian or the government, and further that he

intends to see that they are made in the appropriation bill to be reported from his committee. It is fashionable to deride Mr. Holman and his economical ideas, but it is to such men as he that the honor will belong of keeping the democratic party from falling into the extravagant habits which played so important a part in driving the republican party from power. As President Cleveland has truly said: "The people of this country must learn to practice economy, and the example must be set by the government."

Representative McCreary is losing no opportunity to convince the members of the House committee on Coinage, to which was referred his bill providing for the appointment of a joint Congressional and Commercial monetary committee to investigate our entire financial system and report where and how improvements may be made, of the necessity of reporting it favorably to the House. The committee is still considering the bill.

The House will tomorrow take up the Tucker bill for the repeal of the Federal election laws and the debate thereon will be continued until October 9th, when a vote will be taken. The majority in favor of the bill will be precisely that of the democrats on the floor the day the vote is taken, as it will receive every democratic vote in the House, and it is not probable that any democrat will be absent that day unless necessarily compelled to be.

Secretary Gresham, who is now in Indiana, is not enjoying his usual good health, and he proposes going to California shortly to remain six or seven weeks, hoping that the change will be beneficial.

As though enough fakes could not be manufactured in Washington concerning the intention of the administration one was cabled over from France a day or two ago, saying that an agent of this government was negotiating a \$50,000,000 gold loan in Paris. Very natural Secretary Carlisle regarded it as too preposterous to require an official denial.

DISTRICT FAIR.

The program of the District Fair to be held next week, October 3rd to 6th, at Staunton, includes a number of Athletic Contests, which will doubtless add much to the interest of the Fair. These contests are open to any resident of the District, and no entrance fee is charged. The prizes offered are gold and silver medals to first and second, respectively, in each event. They are as follows:—

100 yard Dash; 320 yard Hurdle Race, 6 hurdles, 3 feet high; Half-mile race; Running Broad Jump; Standing Broad Jump; Pole Vault; Throwing Hammer (12 pounds); Potato Race; Also: Horizontal Bar performance; Sack Race.

FOR BOYS UNDER 16.
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There will also be a medal offered for the one making the most points in these contests, carrying with it the Championship of the District.

Entries should be made by Tuesday, October 3rd, to Taylor McCoy Box 398, Staunton, Va.

A number of Staunton young men have already entered their names for a part in these contests. We would like to see some of our young men who are interested in Athletics go up to Staunton and carry off some of the medals, as we are sure they have an equal chance to do.

Mr. McCoy who is in charge of the arrangements is the General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Staunton. He will be glad to receive as many entries as possible. When you write to him to enter, name the events in which you wish to take part.

JUDGE McLAUGHLIN ENDORSED.

The Monterey Bar have prepared and signed a paper in which they appeal to the General Assembly of Virginia, soon to convene, to elect Judge Wm. McLaughlin as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia. The paper states that he is a courteous, just and dignified Judge and if elevated to the Supreme Bench he will contribute very greatly to its strength.

A convention was also held at Staunton last week by the members of the several bars in this district in which there was a good at-

tendance and all anxious to see Judge McLaughlin on the Supreme Bench of this State. Proper petitions addressed to the General Assembly will be circulated asking for his election.

Judge McLaughlin, as all of our people know, has served this judicial circuit for many years and his duties have been as great as his decisions have been correct. These are the words of another able Virginia Judge—"Judge McLaughlin is not only one of the ablest Circuit Judges, but the best Judge in Virginia."

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WHO WAS TO BLAME?

In its editorial reference to the Roanoke tragedy, the Times of that city, says;

"It is hard to place the blame where it is most deserved. Certain it is that every step of the authorities was taken legally. The militia were ordered out by the mayor and by the Governor of the State to protect the prisoner.

"Cool headed eye-witnesses agree that the attack was commenced and the first shots fired from the mob, and sad as the outcome is, there was no possible alternative.

"All sober-minded men will, in the clear afterthought, uphold the position taken by the mayor and the action of the militia in doing all in their power to carry out the law of the land.

"With a grand jury already summoned, a court in session, the assurance that the law would take its course, and that, speedily, it is deplorable that such a riot should have been incited.

"There is no doubt but that the militia were forced to take the stand taken. Their alternative was to be shot down like rats in a pen, disobey the law of the land and their solemn oaths to uphold the laws and constitution of the State.

"It was indeed sad that the innocent should have to suffer and under such conditions. But principles were at stake; the law in a civilized country must be upheld."

Governor Jones Speaks.

In regard to the Roanoke trouble Governor Jones of Alabama makes the following fearless statement:—

New York, Sept. 22.—Governor Jones, of Alabama, is at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Regarding the lynching at Roanoke, he said it was disgraceful, and that he is opposed to justice in that form. "Mayor Trout is doubtless a Plucky man, and I am sorry he did not fight longer," said Governor Jones. "Men who attack jails to lynch prisoners should be shot down and if I were Governor of Virginia I would call out the militia and uphold Mayor Trout.

Federal Election Law.

We do not think that the time is at all propitious to press the repeal of the Federal election laws. That they ought to be repealed goes without saying, and that they will be repealed by the present Congress is certain, and the repeal will be in ample time for the congressional elections.

Just why anyone is pressing the repeal at the present extra session of Congress, when there is so much more work of greater importance which should be done first, we can not see, unless it is to get up a little cheap reputation. By pressing the repeal now other important legislation may be defeated, which the people would find no compensation in, even if it proved the wishes of certain politicians.

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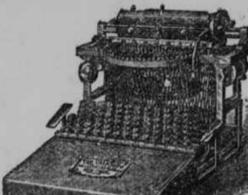
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