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FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

Organization of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The Republicans Will Have Things Their Own Way in the House, But in the Senate There May Be a Deadlock.

Special Washington Letter

The organization of the senate and house of representatives will attract universal attention. Every two years, according to constitutional provision, the terms of all the representatives expire, and the terms of all newly elected members begin. The constitution, however, provides that only one-third of the senators shall be elected every two years. Therefore, although the terms of 356 representatives expired on the 3d day of March, and the terms of 45 new representatives began the



VICE PRESIDENT STEVENSON.

same time, only one-third of the senators close their terms at that time, and two-thirds of their number continued to hold commissions.

It is because of this constitutional arrangement that the senate is called "a continuing body." The house of representatives, as a body, expires every two years; but there are always two-thirds of the senators ready for legislative duty.

Each state is entitled to two senators. There are now 44 states in this union, and they are entitled to 88 senators. But, inasmuch as the state of Delaware failed to elect a successor to Senator Higgins, there is a vacancy existing, and therefore there are only 87 senators entitled to participate in the deliberations of that great legislative body.

Usually, when the house of representatives convenes, there is a spirited contest over the speakership; but on this occasion there is no contest. Every body concedes that Big Tom Reed, who was called the "czar" during the 51st congress, shall be the speaker.

In organizing the house of representatives the first business is the election of officers, consisting of the speaker, the clerk, sergeant-at-arms, door-keeper and postmaster. Although there will be no contest over the speakership, a lively canvass is going on by the aspirants for the other offices. Ex-Congressman Henderson, of Illinois, and McDowell are after the position of clerk of the house. That office pays \$5,000 per annum; and it is a place of power because the clerk makes the appointments of numerous assistants.

The candidates are both good men, and their friends are booming them along in an interesting manner. There appears to be no prominent candidate for the office of sergeant-at-arms, a position with a salary of \$4,500 per annum. This is because of the generally admitted fact that Henderson and McDowell are looked upon as the coming men for the best offices; and the one who shall be defeated for the clerkship will be made sergeant-at-arms. It looks to me as if Henderson will be made clerk and McDowell sergeant-at-arms; but the reverse may be the result. It is impossible, even a few days before culminations in Washington, to predict conclusions. This is because of the humanitarian fact epitomized by Shakespeare in the little line: "Lord, how this world is given to lying."

The doorkeeper is usually an ex-congressman; and that rule will probably be followed in the selection of a man for that office. When the people of congressional districts make changes in their national representation, the fellows who get left usually seek places in Washington, because they are accustomed to living in this beautiful city, and because they do not like to remain at their old homes after suffering defeat. There is a bond of sympathy existing between statesmen, and they usually give some good office to the best fellows who get left in the political shuffle and scuffle for position and power by the people.

The position of doorkeeper is a good one, and there is considerable patronage connected with the office. The doorkeeper appoints a score of assistant doorkeepers. He also has charge of the folding-room, where many men are employed folding public documents to send to the constituents of congressmen.

By the way, you know that hundreds of thousands of dollars are annually wasted in printing and mailing public documents? It is a fact. Bills, pamphlets, speeches and other matters are printed and paid for out of the public treasury, and sent to the people by their congressmen, when they ought not to be printed in large numbers at all. The people do not need them; but their publication is authorized in order to enable congressmen to send documents to their constituents to create the impression that the statesmen are doing something. It is an abuse of power, but it has long continued, and will long continue.

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speech thus published in the Congressional Record may be sent through the mails, at government expense, and thousands of people receive copies of a speech which they suppose their congressman delivered in Washington; when, as a matter of fact, their congressman never made a speech at all. When you receive such speeches, you may ask your congressman whether he really made a speech, or whether he had "leave to print."

Of course only the obscure congressmen resort to this trick; but there are many obscure men in congress. The real leaders never ask "leave to print." They speak, and are heard with great respect by their colleagues.

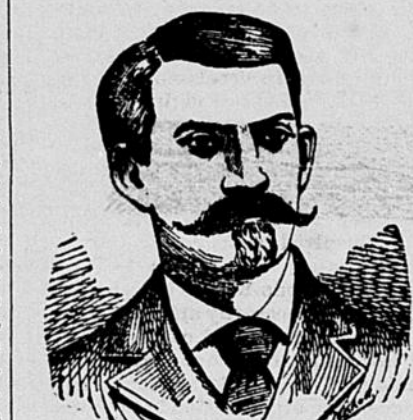
But to return to the organization. After the speaker and other officers are elected the house transacts business under general parliamentary law. Within a few days the speaker appoints a committee on rules. Very soon thereafter the committee on rules report a set of rules for the guidance of the house, and when the rules are adopted all debate and procedure must be in accordance with those rules.

The next thing is for the speaker to appoint the committee of the house. This is an arduous and difficult task, and the speaker usually takes three weeks to complete it. Then, and not until then, is the house completely organized and ready for the transaction of public business in an orderly manner.

The organization of the senate is an entirely different matter. The vice president is the permanent presiding officer of the senate, and is elected by the people every four years. Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, is now vice president and presides over the senate with discretion and decorum.

The rules of the senate are seldom changed. The senators are men of distinction, and great courtesy prevails in that body. The hurly-burly, noisy and exciting scenes which are frequently enacted in the house are never duplicated in the senate. The rules of the senate permit unlimited debate. A senator may talk every day, and as long as he pleases, upon any subject. Senator Blair, of New Hampshire, talked for ten days on the Blair educational bill. Senator Allen, of Nebraska, talked 15 hours continuously on the silver purchase repeal bill. In the house of representatives the rules limit debate, and no man is permitted to talk more than one hour without unanimous consent, a thing which rarely occurs.

The speaker appoints the committees for the house; but the senators themselves, in caucus, appoint their own committees. Every two years, when changes occur in the senate, the committees are revised and places made for newly-admitted senators. Great interest attaches to the reorganization of the senate because the two leading political parties are so evenly divided, and they must reach some harmonious conclusion concerning committee memberships. This can only be done by mutual concessions. A great struggle will be made over the membership of the finance committee. It is to be a finish fight between the silver men and the



COL. HENRY A. DUPONT.

[Will seek admission to the senate from the state of Delaware.]

gold men for a majority of that important committee.

In the present senate of 87 members 44 will be a majority. There are 42 republicans, 39 democrats and 6 populists, and thus it appears that the populists hold the balance of power. It is questionable whether or not the secretary and sergeant-at-arms of the senate will be changed. If the republicans and democrats can come to an agreement, there will be a republican secretary and a democratic sergeant-at-arms. If the republicans should unite with the populists, both of those great offices will be changed. I am unable to make any prediction of what will be done.

One thing is certain, and that is that neither the democratic party nor the republican party appear to be anxious to assume control and responsibility for the legislation of the senate during the months preceding a great presidential contest before the people. It may seem strange that there should thus be exhibited a shunning of responsibility by public men, but they are great men, wise men, all of them good politicians, and they are playing a great game for national supremacy. You are as able to guess what they will do as I am; for, although you are far away from the seat of political controversy, you read the papers and the news almost as much of the drift of sentiment on such matters as a man may learn right here in the midst of the melee.

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Shining bright,
Send their message to the dark soul,
Through the night,
Till the encircling gloom is pierced,
And there is light.

But within the deep recesses
Of those eyes,
Beyond the sunbeams' realm,
A shadow lies,
To loving ones a sad
Yet sweet surprise.

For sympathy is deepest
Where the pain
Is passed from soul to soul,
And back again;
The comfort like the sunlight
After rain—
As underlies the sweetest song
The saddest strain.
—C. Lowrenz, in Detroit Free Press

WILL DON THE PURPLE.

Imposing Ceremonies to Attend Satoli's Elevation.

Date of the Event Changed to January 5, Owing to the Delayed Departure from Rome of Marquis Sacripanti, the Pope's Messenger.

What will doubtless be one of the most imposing church ceremonies ever seen in the United States will take place at the cathedral on Sunday, January 5, upon the occasion of the elevation to the cardinalate of Mgr. Francis Satoli, papal legate in Africa.

It was intended that Mgr. Satoli should don the purple on December 15, and arrangements therefor had been made, but a postponement had been made necessary as a result of advice from Rome. Marquis Sacripanti, the noble guard bearing the zucchetto to the future cardinal, was delayed in his departure from Rome, and the date of Mgr. Satoli's elevation was therefore



CARDINAL-ELECT FRANCIS SATOLI.

postponed and the first Sunday in the new year selected instead.

At the ceremony the United States government will be represented by a number of the president's cabinet, the state by Gov. Frank Brown and the city by Mayor Alceus Hooper, to each of whom special invitations have been extended. Visiting prelates, it is thought, will include a representative from nearly every see in the United States, and possibly some dignitaries from Canada and Mexico. The ecclesiastical procession will precede the cathedral ceremonies, and should the weather be fine will be the most imposing seen in Baltimore since that attending the elevation of Cardinal Gibbons to his present dignity in June, 1888. It will include, in addition to representatives from Catholic societies from Washington and this city, students and professors from the Catholic university at Washington, seminarians from St. Mary's and numbers of the clergy from this and other archdioceses in the United States, who will attend upon Mgr. Satoli's invitation. The procession will be joined by the visiting prelates as it passes the archiepiscopal residence en route to the cathedral.

MISS DAVENPORT'S GENEROSITY

The Actress Will Found an Institution for Retired Actors.

Fanny Davenport is at present negotiating for a site in Westchester county, or near New York city on Long Island, upon which she proposes to erect a building to be known as the "Davenport Home" says the New York Press. It will be on the same order as the Forrest home in Philadelphia and will give to the retired members of the theatrical profession a place in which to reside after they have left the stage. The Forrest home is one of the most noble institutions of the kind in the world, but Forrest left a will in which he limited the number of inmates, and there are a hundred applicants or more who are waiting to gain admission to this institution.

The home that Miss Davenport intends to erect will differ in many respects from the Forrest home. It will be a place where retired members will receive first-class care and good apartments, it will also include a school for the children of actors and actresses who desire to adopt their parents' profession, but are unable to properly educate themselves for the same, to teach them the art of acting and give them as much practical experience (by actual performances) as possible.

To do this Miss Davenport will expect that the actors and actresses who reside in the home will act as tutors to the children and give them the benefit of their stage experience.

MUSICIANS TO GO ARMED.

New Provision in the Army for Providing Them with Rifles and Revolvers.

Hereafter musicians in the army will be provided with serviceable firearms, and the use of swords by band or company musicians of foot troops has been abandoned. An order issued by the secretary of war provides that ordnance officers of posts will issue to officers in charge of bands or of company musicians, rifles or carbines, according to the arm of the service they are in, ammunition and equipment therefor, which will be kept in barracks for use in case of emergencies. In like manner revolvers will be supplied as side arms for company musicians when they take the field.

Cost of English Elections.

In 1892 the cost of the election in England was £2,583,522—an average of a little over four shillings a vote. In 1874 each vote cost 14 to 15 shillings, and in 1859 over £1. Wilberforce's election at Hull in 1807, the costliest that England ever saw, is said to have cost altogether £500,000, which is doubtless an exaggeration.

Is It a Hoax?

No less than eight persons have committed suicide in an old Brooklyn building since 1856. The house has recently been torn down.

Arizona's Population.

Arizona has 77,000 white people and 27,000 red people among her population.

Cruel Punishment.

Magistrate—You are charged with rushing up to this young lady, and kissing her against her will, and I sentence you to—

Prisoner—The charge is true, y'r honor; but she had been eating onions.

Magistrate—Then I sentence you to kiss her again.—N. Y. Weekly.

Electric Flows in Germany.

An electric flow is now being used with considerable success in Germany. The cable to the motor is carried on a number of small trolleys running over the ground.