CAPITAL GOSSIP.

Comment on the Resignation of Senator Edmunds.

A GAP IN THE REPUBLICAN RANKS.

How He Used to Worry Men Who Made Stump Speeches in the Senate—The President's Trip West Arranged—Latest from the Census Office—Population Matters Shown by an Atlas—The Congress of Inventors—A Handy Campaign Document—Official Notes.

WASHINGTON CITY, April 10.—The retirement of Edmunds from the senate will make a great gap in the Republican ranks there. He has played an important part in the committee work of that body for many years. As chairman of the committee on judiciary, and a prominent member of the committee on foreign relations, he had much to do with fashioning the most important legislation enacted by congress during the past quarter of a century. Working in the privacy of the committee room Edmunds has figured but little in the stormy bouts in the senate, but he has always been a distinguished figure there, and just how useful and capable he was will be made apparent to the party when the time comes to fill his vacant place.

His Favorite Amusement.

Edmunds seldom delivered a set speech, but was most effective in running debates, and on observations occupying little time, and which were apparently impromptu. One of his favorite performances was to drop in from his committee room while some fluent senator was working off a stump speech for home consumption, and, affecting to take a great interest in the subject, put questions to him with no other object in view than to develop the speaker's lack of information about the theme he was so learnedly treating. He was absolutely impartial about this pastime.

Not the Place for Buncombe.

When remonstrated with on one occasion about this practice as being unkind, Edmunds replied, in substance, that no man big enough intellectually to secure a seat in the senate should put such a forum to the uses of the stump; the senate was the place for the discussion of public business in a business-like way, and anything like fustian or parade there was undignified and unseemly. Not even the speeches of Ingalls, which always packed the galleries and insured an unusually large attendance of senators, could seduce Edmunds from his labors at the committee table.

STATISTICS OF POPULATION.

Description of the Latest Completed Work of the Census Office.

WASHINGTON CITY, April 10.—Superintendent Porter, of the census bureau, has issued a very interesting and valuable bulletin which shows by a statistical atlas the increase and decrease of population of the United States from 1880 to 1890. This atlas, by a series of maps, exhibits to the eye the varying intensity of settlement over the area of the country, the distribution of the foreign population among the several states and sections, and the distribution of population in accordance with maximum and minimum temperature, rainfall and altitude. The map shows that in a very large number of counties the population has actually decreased.

Location of the Decreases.

The number of counties that have decreased in population during the past ten years is 455. In about fifty cases the reduction is due to the reduction of territory. In 138 counties the number of inhabitants diminished during the decade preceding 1880. The losses during the past decade occurred mainly in the central parts of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, northern New Jersey and eastern Virginia, and are scattered quite generally through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee and Kentucky. Southern Michigan and Wisconsin have also suffered, while in eastern Iowa a large proportion of the counties have lost population. Much other valuable information is obtained in a study of the map, which is the first ever issued by any census.

Patent Men in Conference.

WASHINGTON CITY, April 10.—Edison, Westinghouse, Gatling and a host of other inventors are in attendance upon the sessions of the patent congress which began Wednesday. President Harrison is chairman, but public business does not permit him to attend very regularly. He was present at the opening exercises and spoke a few words, expressing his interest in the meeting and its objects. Secretary Noble is vice president, but he also is rarely in the chair. Among the papers read yesterday was one by Professor Thomas Gray, of the Rose Polytechnic institute, Terre Haute, Ind., on "The Inventors of the Telegraph and Telephone." A meeting was held last night at which preliminary steps were taken toward the formation of a permanent organization to be called the "Congress of American Inventors."

The President's Western Trip.

WASHINGTON CITY, April 10.—The arrangements for President Harrison's trip through the south and to California have been completed. As it now stands the party will consist of President Harrison, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Dimmick, Postmaster General Wanamaker, Secretary Rusk, Private Secretary Halford, Executive Clerk Tibbetts and representatives of the press associations. The trip will occupy thirty days and the distance to be traveled will be 9,060 miles. May 14 the party will be at Springfield, Ills., from 9:15 a. m. to 10:15 a. m.; at Decatur, Ills., from 11:20 a. m. to 11:50 a. m.; at Indianapolis from 4:45 p. m. to 5 p. m., and at Richmond, Ind., from 7 p. m. to 7:10 p. m.

Handy for a Campaign Document.

WASHINGTON CITY, April 10.—Maj. Carson, who was clerk of Maj. McKinley's ways and means committee, which framed the tariff act, has prepared a comparison of tariff laws and proposed tariff laws which will be printed by the government printing office in a few days. It not only shows the old tariff law alongside the McKinley law, but also the items of the Mills bill. These are put in parallel columns, so that ready reference can be made at any time to what the Democrats tried to do and what the Republicans have done. It is especially serviceable as a means of political comparison.

Western Boys Appointed Cadets.

WASHINGTON CITY, April 10.—The following named persons have been appointed cadets at the West Point Military academy: John A. Lucey, of Oshkosh, Wis.; Ola W. Bell, of Paw Paw, Mich., with S. Lawton, of Lawton, Mich., and Henry J. Goodale, of Danvers, Mass., as alternates.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON CITY, April 10.—The president has appointed the following weste.n postmasters: John T. Goode, at Sidney, Ia., office becomes presidential; Lewis S. Fisher, at Sparta, Wis., vice Jacob P. French, commission expired.

Gen. Spinola's Days Numbered.

WASHINGTON CITY, April 10.—At midnight last night Gen. Spinola's condition had changed but little since noon. He was very low, but it was thought he would live through the night and possibly several days.

THE ALLIANCE IN KANSAS.

It Will Be Well Represented at Cincinnati—Members Dropping Out.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 10.—A special to The Star from Topeka, Kan., says: Frank McGrath, president of the Farmers' Alliance, returned to this city yesterday from a tour throughout the northern part of the state. He says that there is great interest taken in the proposed convention in Cincinnati, and there is not a county in the state that has refused to send delegates, and it looks as if 1,500 Kansas men will attend the convention.

Unable to Pay Their Dues.

Van B. Prather, the state lecturer of the Alliance, stated yesterday morning that the order is growing rapidly in all sections of the state, except in the extreme western portions, where a great many have dropped out of the Alliance because they have been unable to keep up their dues on account of the great drought last year.

Doesn't Interfere with His Democracy.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Wharton J. Green, who served for three terms in congress from North Carolina, and who has attended national Democratic conventions as a delegate from that state for twenty years, was at the Brunswick Wednesday. He said that he was a member of the Farmers' Alliance, but that it would not allow his membership to interfere in the slightest with his loyalty to the Democratic party.

WEDDED A NEGRO PREACHER.

A Handsome White Woman Commits the Miscegenation Act.

HAVERHILL, Mass., April 10.—Evangelist Roberts, a colored preacher at the Mission tabernacle, has created quite a sensation here by bringing home a handsome young white woman as his wife. They were married in New York by the Rev. Mr. Boswell. She was Miss Mattie Abbott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, of Putnam, Conn., and is evidently in love with her husband. She presided at the organ at the meeting Wednesday night, and the large audience saw before them a slight built and handsome woman about 25 years old. She had a very pretty face, sparkling eyes, and an abundance of light curly hair. She played with much expression and sang sweetly several solos. After the service she met her husband's parishioners and greeted them kindly.

"DOCTORED" THEIR WHISKY.

An Attempt to Break Up the Line at the Ashland, Wis., Land Office.

ASHLAND, Wis., April 10.—It is claimed that an attempt was made to drug the first twenty men in line at the land office yesterday morning. They were given doctored whisky for the purpose of drugging them and securing their places before the day of filing. Over 400 men are now in line. The weather is cold, and they keep up by taking whisky. A board fence is being built along the line, as a rush is expected to break the line a few days before April 17, when the office will be opened. Some of the men have been in line continuously since April 1.

His False Teeth Kept Him Alive.

SAG HARBOR, L. I., April 10.—Jediah Conklin, Sag Harbor's oldest resident, was stricken with paralysis Sunday, and in falling broke his right hip. He died Wednesday. He remained unconscious from the time of the shock, but his death was attended by a peculiar accident. Mr. Conklin's false teeth were allowed to remain in his mouth. When Dr. Sterling visited him Wednesday morning, the teeth had disappeared. It was found that they had entered the old man's throat in such a way as to distend the windpipe. The doctor set out to recover the teeth with forceps, thinking it would ease the old man's breathing, but the moment the teeth were taken out Mr. Conklin choked and died. The teeth had wedged the windpipe open, and had prolonged life.

Attempted Assassination.

COVINGTON, Ky., April 10.—An unknown man fired three shots at J. P. Tarvin Wednesday night while he was sitting in his office on the second floor of the Commonwealth building. Fortunately the aim of the assassin was as bad as his purpose and none of the missiles struck the intended target. Mr. Tarvin is a prominent young lawyer and can give no reason for the attempt upon his life. He could give no description of the fellow, as he barely got a glimpse of him as he fled through the dark hallway and escaped.

Suspicions of Foul Play.

FLINT, Mich., April 10.—A great deal of uneasiness is felt in this city by the friends of George Wideman, fireman on the Chicago and Grand Trunk road. Two weeks ago while going from Port Huron to Fort Gratiot with a companion he stepped into the Woodbine house to have a bill changed. It said that while at the bar he became involved in a quarrel and that is the last known of him. Suspicion of foul play is rife and detectives are at work on the case.

Proctor Not a Candidate.

OMAHA, Neb., April 10.—Secretary Proctor and party arrived here last evening. The secretary, when asked about the rumors that he was a candidate for the senatorship made vacant by the resignation of Edmunds, replied: "I am not a candidate; all this gossip about me in that connection is without my knowledge."

An Old Lady Burned to Death.

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 10.—Mrs. King, grandmother of United States District Judge Emory Storrs, was burned to death at her home in Dodge county Wednesday. She was 86 years old.

An Insane Mother's Deed.

HERMAN, Neb., April 10.—While insane yesterday Mrs. Andrew Doll killed her two children and then committed suicide by swallowing a quantity of concentrated lye.

WEIRDLY SOLEMN.

Masonic Midnight Services Over Gen. Albert Pike.

A SOMBRE AND STATELY CEREMONY,

The Church Wrapt in Gloom Save for the Light of a Few Candles—Impressive Trappings and Ritual—The Ancient Rites Duly Performed in Almost Dead Silence—A Weird and Mystic Scene—Burial of P. T. Barnum.

WASHINGTON CITY, April 10.—Long before midnight yesterday hundreds of people had gathered in front of the First Congregational church, waiting to witness the midnight services over the remains of the late Gen. Albert Pike. So dense was the crowd that it was with great difficulty that the bearers of the casket from the Scottish Rite sanctuary could force their way into the church, followed by the long line of Masons who wished to pay high honor to the deceased brother. It was a quarter of an hour after midnight before the services began.

Impressive Scene in the Church.

The scene in the church was peculiarly solemn, the dead hour of night, the assembled knights, and the somber trappings, combined to make an impressive picture. The walls of the church were covered with black cloth, while on a catafalque on a platform extending out twenty feet from the pulpit was the casket containing the body of the deceased knight. There were nine candlesticks, each four feet in height, in three triangles, on the east, west, and south of the casket, each having upon it a lighted candle. Otherwise the large church was unlighted. On the upper end of the casket was a chaplet of white roses, and below it the insignia of the order and the sword of the deceased knight in its scabbard. Upon a tablet near the coffin was a skull wreathed with evergreenr, surrounded by seven large candlesticks bearing no lights. At the head of the casket stood a great iron cross painted black.

Beginning of the Ceremony.

When all was quiet and the organ played softly, Grand Master Holt, bearing a lighted candle and an iron hammer, walked slowly in from a room on the left, and stood at the foot of the casket. Then twenty-one knights followed, all bearing candles and attired in black, with scarfs of crape, and their heads bare. They entered like shadows and arranged themselves in a semi-circle on the west, south and north sides of the casket facing the east. For a moment there was perfect silence, a trumpet sounded in plaintive notes in an adjoining room, and after the last faint echoes had died away the grand master began the ceremonies according to the ancient knightlo custom.

A Solemn Prologue.

All was quiet as death as he said: "It is midnight and a new day begins for us. Our brother has finished his earthly probation. Death is the inexorable creditor whose indulgence nothing in the world can purchase. Every moment that sees a new born child brought to light sees a man die, and hears the cry of broken hearts and lamentations of those who sit lonely and in the desolation of affliction, no longer seeing the faces of dearly loved ones. Round the little island of our being, on which we follow our various pursuits of toil or craft, of usefulness or mischief, throbs the illimitable ocean of eternity, upon which, round the isle, a broad circle of

Impenetrable Darkness Brooding Lies.

But beyond that zone the other ocean sparkles and its white crested waves dance in the light, and somewhere in the distance the islands of the blessed are dreaming, girdled by the peaceful waters. Here in our present home we live our little life, waiting to be called to other duties elsewhere, and one by one our loved ones and our cherished friends glide away from us unseen and are swallowed up in the darkness which is the shadow of the broad wings of death."

Closing Scene of the Services.

The beautiful but weird services were continued by taking the chaplet from the temples of the dead knight, the cross from the breast, the cords from the feet and hands, and then in succession each attendant approached the casket and laid his right hand upon the eyes, cheeks, mouth, heart, hands, and feet, each repeating a blessing. When the last attendant had touched the body of the dead, the lights were turned up, and after all had left the church, the remains were carried back to the Scottish Rite temple.

FUNERAL OF P. T. BARNUM.

The Great Showman's Remains Laid to Their Eternal Repose.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 10.—The funeral of P. T. Barnum in accordance with his expressed wishes were unostentatious. At 1 o'clock p. m. to-day private services were held in the house. Rev. Dr. Fisher, of the Universalist church of this city, and Rev. Dr. Collyer, of New York, officiated at the final services in the South Congregational church at 2 o'clock. It was Mr. Barnum's request that Dr. Collyer should speak upon the text "Not my will but thine be done," and that two hymns which he selected just prior to his death should be sung. The pall-bearers were selected from Bridgeport's most prominent citizens and a large number of New York people attended the services at the church. The remains were placed in a vault in Mountain Grove cemetery.

The Irish Council of Seven.

CINCINNATI, April 10.—The council of seven of the Irish National League of America held a meeting last night at the Burnet house with President Fitzgerald in the chair. Vice presidents from several states were also in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was discussed, but no definite action taken. A committee of five was appointed to crystalize the sentiment as expressed by the speakers and report.

Worth His While to Accept.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 10.—Dr. Roswell Park has decided to accept the offer of the chair of surgery made to him by the Rush Medical college, of Chicago. The chair of surgery to which Dr. Park is invited is said to have brought its last occupant an income of $50,000 to $75,000. In addition to this he is to have exclusive control of the Presbyterian college, the largest in the west. Dr. Park will leave for Chicago about June 1.

The Bell clothing store at Davenport, Ia., owned by Max Webber, of Chicago, burned Wednesday night, entailing a loss of $35,000.

ANNUAL REPORT, CITY TREASURER.

Year ending April 1st, 1891.

April 1, 1890, Balance on hand	$ 56,565 23
RECEIPTS.	
April 1, 1891, Robt. Koehler, city clerk	31,801 79
W. L. Sweeney, bridge tolls	3,123 35
H. C. Wivill, police mag	922 90
David Hawes, J. P.	5 60
John Schafer, Jr., Co. treas	21,918 82
Total,	$114,337 69
PAYMENTS.	
Bridge account	$ 293 12
Contingent	3,963 10
Fire	8,553 09
Health	2,519 80
Interest	13,440 00
Light	7,001 95
Office	2,252 33
Police	8,061 81
Printing	511 75
Salary	5,244 92
Street	14,920 39
Sewers	429 65
Sidewalks	3,918 82
Sinking fund	16,000 00
Spencer square	2,969 50
Temporary loan	984 92
Transfer to library	3,200 00
Second avenue improvement	117 55
Fifth avenue "	434 75
Eighteenth street improvement	8,695 59
Twentieth street "	3,925 49
Ninth street sewer	243 41
Seventeenth street sewer	1,407 76
East Seventeenth sewer	520 95
Twenty-second street sewer	183 29
Twenty-fourth street sewer	777 87
Total disbursements	$109,961 22
Balance on hand	4,376 47
Total	$114,337 69
WATER WORKS FUNDS.	
April 1, 1890, Balance on hand	$ 1,656 40
April 1, 1891, Deposits by city clerk to date	18,629 13
Total receipts	$20,285 53
PAYMENTS.	
April 1, 1891, Paid to date, orders returned to city clerk as vouchers	$ 12,243 36
Balance on hand	8,042 17
Total	$20,285 53
LIBRARY FUND.	
April 1, 1890, Balance on hand	$ 456 17
April 1, 1891, Transfered from general fund	3,200 00
Dep by librarian	51 60
Total receipts	$3,707 77
PAYMENTS.	
April 1, 1891, Paid on orders returned to city cl'k as vouchers	$ 3,128 81
Balance on hand	578 96
Total	$ 3,707 77

ROCK ISLAND, ILL., April 10th, 1891.

J. G. M. Loosley, treasurer of the city of Rock Island, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is a true and correct report of receipts and disbursements for the year ending April 1, 1891, as shown by my books.

G. M. LOOSLEY.

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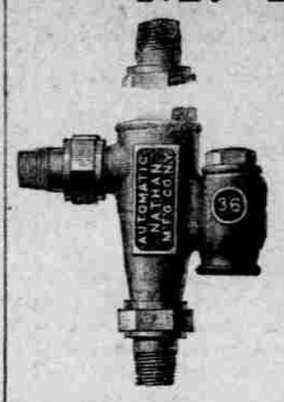

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