

THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

WORK OF OUR NATIONAL LAW-MAKERS.

Proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives—Important Measures Discussed and Acted Upon—Gist of the Business.

Mr. McCONNELL introduced bills in the Senate, on the 8th inst., for the erection of public buildings at Lewiston and Boise City, Idaho. Referred. On motion of Mr. Edmunds a resolution was adopted calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to what books and documents are in his possession of his department relating to the late so-called Confederate States and as to whether there is any legal objection to their being placed among the archives of the War Department. Mr. Edmunds gave notice that he would at the earliest possible moment call up the copyright bill for consideration. Mr. Allison gave notice that if the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture (who was necessarily absent) did not at an early day ask for the consideration of the Conger land bill (Mr. Allison) would himself do so. In the House a bill was passed authorizing the issuance of certificates of service to telegraph operators who were with the Union army during the war. Then the bill of New York, moved to go into committee of the whole on the shipping bill, and suggested that some arrangement should be arrived at as to the general debate. Failing to secure any agreement Mr. Farquhar moved that general debate close at 5 o'clock. After wandering over this point for two hours the House adjourned.

In the Senate on the 9th Mr. Plumb gave notice of an amendment to the finance bill limiting to \$1,000 the compulsory requirement of deposit of United States bonds for every national bank. [This not to apply to the deposit of bonds to secure public moneys in the national banks.] There was, on motion of Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, laid aside informally and the House bill to provide for an additional Associate Justice of the Supreme Court was taken up. Mr. Edmunds from the calendar and passed, with an amendment. Conference reports on bills for public buildings at Youngstown, Ohio, and Fort Dodge, Iowa, were presented and agreed to. Mr. Dolph moved to take up another bill, but Mr. Edmunds insisted on the regular order, and remarked that it was due to those who wanted to discuss the finance bill that they should have the opportunity to do so. The finance bill was therefore taken up again, and Mr. Blackburn addressed the Senate in advocacy of Mr. Stewart's bill for the free coinage of silver. Mr. Harvey of Oklahoma called up in the House the bill authorizing Oklahoma City to issue bonds to provide a right of way for the Great Northern and Railroad Company through the city. The bill was passed. The House then went into committee of the whole (Mr. Allen of Michigan in the chair) on the private calendar.

The Vice President laid before the Senate on the 10th inst. the protest of twenty-eight members of the Idaho Legislature against allowing Mr. Dubois to take his seat, and it was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections; also resolutions of the Grand Army of the Republic recommending certain legislation in regard to civil employment of honorably discharged soldiers and tendering thanks for the liberal pension laws, etc.; referred to the Pension Committee. In the House Mr. Dingley, of Ohio, had reported the legislative appropriation bill, and it had been placed on the calendar. The House went into committee of the whole. Mr. Dingley of Maine in the chair, on the army appropriation bill. Mr. Cushman, of Michigan, Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, explained that the bill was purely a technical measure and contained no general legislation whatever. The amount carried was \$400,000 more than the appropriation for the current year.

In the Senate on the 12th Senator Quay introduced a substitute for the election bill. The principal change in the bill between the bill introduced by Senator Quay and the Hoar bill is in the last section, which is as follows: "When it shall appear to the satisfaction of the President of the United States that in any locality the protection of the ballot has been neglected or neglected, it shall be his duty, and he is hereby empowered, to suspend the writ of habeas corpus and to employ the armed forces of the United States, naval and military, for its enforcement, and for the protection of the officers whose duties are herein provided for." In the House Mr. Dockery, rising on a question of privilege, offered a resolution reciting the fact of the reference of the "silver pool" resolution to the Committee on Rules, and the fact that that committee had refused to report the same, and directing the Committee on Rules to report the resolution to the House for consideration. The resolution had been referred the first day of the session. The session was now half gone and nothing had been done in regard to it. The House ought not to adjourn until it had expunged the innocent and placed the damnation where it rightfully belonged. Mr. Adams of Illinois argued that the resolution did not involve a question of privilege. By a vote of 148 to 80 the House decided that the question raised by Mr. Dockery was not one of privilege.

AFTER the reading of the journal in the Senate Mr. Morgan, on behalf of Mr. Colquitt, gave notice of an amendment to the financial bill abolishing the tax on State banks. A bill was passed authorizing the construction of a bridge over the Red River of the North at Drayton, N. D. Also bills for the erection of public buildings at Fresno, Cal., \$75,000, and at Joliet, Ill., \$100,000. The Senate then resumed the consideration of the financial bill, and was addressed by Mr. Sherman. The Stewart amendment, he said, was a radical proposition which would have the effect of reducing the bill and excited his feelings somewhat. He thought that under the circumstances he was justified in all he said the other day, and what he said then he repeated now. But now he wished to discuss the measure as a business question which affected the rights and property of every citizen of the United States. It would be proposed that the amendment was a proposition that the United States should pay \$1.29 for every ounce of silver bullion that might be offered from any part of the world. Not only was the United States bound to purchase all the bullion offered at \$1.29 per ounce, but it had no option as to the mode of payment. The option was in the hands of the owner. This proposed measure gave no choice to silver or gold; not only this, but whether intended or not this amendment was offered in such a way that it was not open to further amendment. The price was fixed at \$1.29. To-day the value of silver in the markets of the world was something about \$1.05 an ounce. Here was an offer to pay 24 cents an ounce more than the market price. No work of importance was done in the House.

From Little Acorns. VIRGIL was the son of a porter. HOMER was the son of a farmer. POPE was the son of a merchant. CERVANTES was a common soldier. HORACE was the son of a shop-keeper. DEMOSTHENES was the son of a cutter. MILTON was the son of a money scrivener. CLAUDE LOUBAINE was bred a pastry cook. OLIVER CROMWELL was the son of a brewer.

STREETER IS THE MAN.

ILLINOIS FARMERS WANT HIM FOR SENATOR.

The F. M. B. A. Members of the Legislature Nominates the Mercer County Farmer to Successor Senator Farwell, and Announces Their Determination to Stand by Him.

[Springfield, Ill., dispatch.] Alson J. Streeter of New Windsor, Mercer County, is the candidate of the F. M. B. A. party of Illinois for United States Senator for the term of six years, to succeed Charles B. Farwell. This was unanimously decided upon at the caucus of the F. M. B. A. party, and Mr. Streeter was at once advised of the honor which had been conferred upon him. He was in consultation with the three F. M. B. A. members, and they have agreed to support him for an indefinite time, in the belief that one or the other of the two old political parties must come to their support. Mr. Streeter was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., Jan. 18, 1827, and will be 65 years old next week. He has been an active figure in Illinois politics since 1872, when he was elected as a member of the House of Representatives. Always a farmer, having no other calling or profession, he is known to the agriculturists of the entire West. He owns 3,000 acres of excellent farming land in Mercer County.



A. J. STREETER.

Mercer County is a well-known breeder of fine stock. In 1884 Mr. Streeter was elected as an independent to the State Senate of Illinois. There he distinguished himself in the Senatorial contest by refusing to vote for William R. Morrison, the Democratic candidate. Morrison held that Streeter should support him because the Democrats of the Twenty-fourth Senatorial District had generally supported Mr. Streeter in the previous election. Two days before the United States Senator was elected Mr. Streeter, who had constantly voted for Gen. John C. Black for United States Senator, finally agreed that he would support Mr. Morrison if the latter would withdraw when his inability to be elected became apparent. This arrangement was carried out. Both Mr. Streeter and Speaker Haines, the Independent Democrat, voted for Mr. Morrison, and he twice received the full vote of the party, but was unable to be elected. Then he was dropped for Lambert Tree, who had no better success, the final result being that John A. Logan was re-elected. During Mr. Streeter's service as a legislator he refused all favors to corporations and invariably sent back railroad passes tendered him. He led the fight several years ago in the Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners to compel railroads to sell him mileage tickets at the same rate given traveling men. In this fight he was finally successful.

In 1888 Mr. Streeter was the United Labor candidate for Governor of the State of Illinois, and polled an unusually large vote. His public life has been characterized by his opposition to corporations and his championship of the farmers in demanding radical reduction of railway rates. Mr. Crockrell was delegated by the other members of his party to communicate to the press the fact of Mr. Streeter's unanimous nomination by the F. M. B. A. for United States Senator, and in speaking of it, he said: "Simultaneous was the announcement to our F. M. B. A. brethren throughout the State of the nomination of Mr. Streeter. The principal reason that has impelled us to the solid support of Mr. Streeter is that his interests are identical with the industrial interests of the country, he being a farmer himself, a man of property, independent of all political parties, and a man of tested courage. He has stood out independently for fifteen or sixteen years, and has spent his own time and his own money fighting for the principles which the labor and farmer organizations of the country are now demanding. He has fought for these principles in times past when there was no hope of reward, when there was nothing in it except to be abused by his fellow-citizens of opposite parties because his views happened to be unpopular at that time. Mr. Streeter has grown gray in the service. He has stood up year after year, until now, an old man, and finds that these principles, once unpopular, have become so popular that even the statesmen of the old political parties have come to us and promised to carry them out in a mild way. We have confidence in Mr. Streeter. In nominating him, the Democrats of our order cannot say that we are swerving to the Republicans, and the Republicans of our order cannot say that we are swerving to the Democrats. Men of all shades of political opinion in our order will be satisfied with Mr. Streeter's nomination."

Cause and Effect. "Why, Gasper, I'm astonished! The population of your village seems to have doubled during the recent summer." "I guess you're right about that, Hooper. We raise an enormous amount of cucumbers."

Away with F. A. R. Fair Traveler—"I do not see how you cowboys become such wonderful riders." "Cowboy—"Sometimes, mmm, we run out of tacker a hundred miles away from camp."—Street & Smith's Good News. WITTY sayings are as easily lost as the pearls slipping off a broken string; but a word of kindness is seldom spoken in vain. It is a seed which, even when dropped by chance, springs up into a flower.

When the Faithful Doubted.

A very funny incident took place at a meeting in a spiritualistic seance in the village hall there the other evening, and the village skeptics are still chuckling over it, writes a Hartford correspondent. Colby, the Boston spiritualist, slate writer and exponent of shades, had charmed a large audience of the faithful, and then a dreamy look settled on his face that indicated that a spook was ready with a message for the company. It turned out to be the spook of Samuel Andrews, once a gentleman of some consequence, now only a spirit at large. So the spirit said through Colby: "I am here, and I have a message. I am enjoying spiritual life and I am happy."

"That non-committal statement was all right, and every one marveled. But the spirit went on recklessly: "My wife, Sophia, I wish me." "Then there was a lull in the message for an instant, which was interrupted by a sharp voice in the audience, which said: "No, she hasn't; his wife isn't dead yet."

At that bold contradiction Colby came out of his trance with a snap. He gazed at the audience in confusion for a minute, then he pulled himself together bravely and stammered out that he had received the message wrong. This was evident, but the audience still glared. Then he added: "The message should have been to his wife Sophia, instead of about her." This was evident, too, but the rest of the seance was a dismal proceeding.

Disorders Which Affect the Kidneys Are among the most formidable known. Diabetes, Bright's disease, gravel, and other complaints of the urinary organs are not ordinarily cured in severe cases, but they may be averted by timely medicine. A useful stimulant of the urinary glands has ever been found in Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a medicine which not only affects the kidneys, but also the liver, which becomes inactive but increases their vigor and secretive power. By increasing the activity of the kidneys and bladder, this medicine has the additional effect of expelling from the blood impurities which it is the peculiar office of those organs to eliminate and pass off. The Bitters is also a purifier and strengthen of the bowels, an invigorant of the stomach, and a restorer of the biliousness and fever and ague. It counteracts a tendency to premature decay, and sustains and comforts the aged and infirm.

As She Is Spoken.

It is computed that at the opening of the present century there were about 21,000,000 people who spoke the English tongue. The French-speaking people at that time numbered about 31,500,000. The Russian tongue was spoken by 31,000,000, and the Spanish by more than 25,000,000. Even the Italian and the Portuguese as large a constituency as the English, and the Portuguese three-eighths. Of the 162,000,000 people or thereabout who are estimated to have been using these seven languages in the year 1801, the English speakers were less than 13 per cent., while the Spanish were 16, the Germans 18.4, the Russians 18.9 and the French 19.6. The aggregate population has now grown to 400,000,000, of which the English-speaking people number close upon 125,000,000. From 13 per cent. we have advanced to 31 per cent. The French speech is now used by 50,000,000 people, the German by about 70,000,000, the Spanish by 40,000,000, the Russian 16.6, the Italian by about 30,000,000, and the Portuguese by about 13,000,000. The English language is now used by twice as many people as any of the others, and this relative growth is almost sure to continue. English has taken as its own the North American continent and nearly the whole of Australasia. North America alone will soon have 100,000,000 of English-speaking people, while there are 40,000,000 in Great Britain and Ireland. In South Africa and India also the language is vastly extending.

The Only One.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway is the only low running solid vestibuled, electric-lighted and steam-heated trains between Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Minneapolis. The Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railway is the only low running solid vestibuled, electric-lighted and steam-heated trains between Chicago, Council Bluffs, Omaha, and Sioux City.

All Turned Around.

A Lowell young woman went to a church of which she is not a regular attendant, and was politely shown into a pew. Soon after a man made his appearance, and immediately glared upon the visitor as if she were an unwelcome intruder. He seated himself with the air of a proprietor, and continued to stare at the fair stranger in the most insolent manner. Embarrassed beyond measure, the young lady felt impelled to offer an apology, which she did in the following terms: "Excuse me, sir, but do you occupy this pew?"—Lowell Citizen.

START the new year right by subscribing to the Youth's Companion. Nearly half a million families take it now. The first number of the volume for 1891 is a double New Year's number of twenty pages, with colored cover. It contains a new serial for boys, entitled "Kent Hamden," by Rebecca Harding Davis, and Capt. C. A. Curtis has begun a serial story of adventure on the plains. There are also five complete stories, besides anecdotes and humorous and instructive articles for every one of the household. It comes every week, is finely illustrated, and costs but \$1.75 a year. Send for sample copy. Address: THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, Boston, Mass.

ONE and only one letter written by Corneille, the dramatist, has ever appeared in the trade, and that was purchased for \$800 by Mr. Morrison of London. Corneille's signature alone sells for \$200.

In school: "We come now to transparent objects. Emily, give me an example." "A pane of glass." "Correct. And now Sophy may give one." "A key-hole."

No Matter How Hard Any druggist tries to sell you his own cough medicine, remember he does it because he makes more money on it. Insist on having Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, for there is no cough remedy so pure and none so quick to break up a cold. For influenza, soreness of the throat and tickling irritation, with constant cough, Kemp's Balsam is the immediate cure. Large bottles 50c and \$1. At all druggists. SARAH BEINHARDT OWNS 120 birds, a tiger-cat, and a half-dozen dogs. No wonder she can't keep a husband very long.

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Mrs. Belle Foster Higgins, of Sullivan, is a "sweet little salt." She has been at sea almost constantly for about nineteen years and during that time has sailed nearly every part of the globe, including several European ports, Africa, Australia, the Island of Sumatra, South America, every part of the West Indies and nearly every Atlantic port in this country. She is an expert in navigation and is possessed of sufficient nautical skill to enable her, if it should become necessary, to take full command of a vessel and sail her to any part of the world.—Bismarck American.

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A Combination Wasted.

Little Fanny—Mamma, are porcupines good to eat? Mother—No, my child. "That's a great pity." "Why so, Fanny?" "Because when you got through eating a porcupine you could pick your teeth with the quills."—Texas Siftings.

SOUDH ADVICE.—Don't go around looking for a flaw in your neighbor's eye, but keep your own specks well dusted and wash the corners of your own side of the street. If you feel out of sorts and have a bad taste in your mouth, with headache and constipation, take a few drops of Dr. W. White's Dandelion, for you are bilious, and this medicine will cure you.

An Insult.

Quiller—I tell you I am a big man in our office now. I am the director there. Bronson—What do you direct—envelopes?—Light.

SHAKESPEARE was the son of a wool stapler.

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"German Syrup"

Here is something from Mr. Frank A. Hale, proprietor of the De Witt House, Lewiston, and the Tontine Hotel, Brunswick, Me. Hotel men meet the world as it comes and goes, and are not slow in sizing people and things up for what they are worth. He says that he has lost a father and several brothers and sisters from Pulmonary Consumption, and is himself frequently troubled with colds, and he Hereditary often coughed enough to make him sick at Consumption's stomach. Whenever he has had a cold of this kind he uses Boschee's German Syrup, and it cures him every time. Here is a man who knows the full danger of lung troubles, and would therefore be most particular as to the medicine he used. What is his opinion? Listen! "I use nothing but Boschee's German Syrup, and have advised, I presume, more than a hundred different persons to take it. They agree with me that it is the best cough syrup in the market."

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