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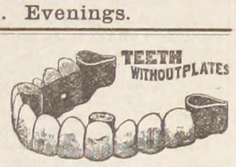

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WORK DONE IN CONGRESS

Measures of Importance Passed and Others Are Discussed by the Two Houses.

SUMMARY OF THE DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

Senate Refuses to Pass Resolution of Sympathy for the Boers—House Passes the Amended Porto Rico Government Measure—Other Matters Under Consideration.

Washington, April 27.—Senator Mason (Ill.) introduced a resolution in the senate yesterday to withdraw troops from Cuba on July 4 and turn the government over to the people. The bill to increase the powers of the interstate commerce commission was reported unfavorably. The right of Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, to retain his seat in the senate was discussed, but no action was taken.

Washington, April 28.—The senate yesterday ratified the treaty with Spain extending for six months the time in which Spanish residents of the Philippines may become citizens. Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, was declared entitled to his seat.

Washington, April 30.—Senator Pettigrew (S. D.) succeeded in introducing a resolution in the senate on Saturday extending sympathy to the Boers. A motion to refer it failed because of the absence of a quorum.

Washington, May 1. — The senate yesterday refused to consider a resolution of sympathy with Boers. The conference report on the amendatory Porto Rico bill was agreed to and the bill appropriating $40,000 to enlarge and improve the public buildings at Burlington, Ia., was passed.

Washington, May 2. — The Alaska civil code bill was passed in the senate yesterday and the army appropriation bill, carrying supplies for the military establishment of more than $114,000,000, was discussed.

Washington, May 3. — A bill was passed in the senate yesterday for the creation of linked memorial parks on the battlefields of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness and Spottsylvania, in Virginia. The army appropriation bill was further discussed.

House.

Washington, April 27.—The post office appropriation bill was passed in the house yesterday, as was also a bill to increase the salary of the director of the census to $7,500 and the pay of the supervisors two per cent.

Washington, April 28.—The house yesterday passed 91 private pension bills, among them one granting $60 per month to the widow of Col. Stotsenberg, of Nebraska, killed in the Philippines, and adopted the conference report on the Hawaiian government bill and sent it to the president.

Washington, April 30.—On Saturday the house devoted the greater part of the session to the senate bill to adjudicate the claims of citizens of the United States against Spain assumed by this country by the treaty of Paris. The estimates for the general deficiencies in the public service, which will be included in the general deficiency appropriation bill, were transmitted. They are included under the following heads: State department, $87,000; treasury department, $543,250; District of Columbia, $77,332; war department, $38; navy department, $6,306; interior department, $9,460; department of justice, $151,168; post office department, $2,560,763.

Washington, May 1. — In the house yesterday the bill to enlarge the powers of the department of agriculture and to prohibit interstate commerce in game killed in violation of local laws was passed, and a bill was introduced to permit national banks to lend money on real estate securities. A joint resolution for a constitutional amendment to disqualify polygamists for election as senators or representatives was referred to the judiciary committee. The amended Porto Rico bill was passed.

Washington, May 2. — The entire day in the house yesterday was devoted to the consideration of the Nicaragua canal bill.

Washington, May 3.—In the house yesterday a bill providing for the construction of a protected but not a fortified Nicaragua canal was passed by a vote of 225 to 35 and the sundry civil appropriation bill, the most important of the general sundry bills and the last on the list, was reported. It carries $61,586,715. A bill was introduced for the organization of Indian Territory under the name of Jefferson.

Struck by a Train.

Racine, Wis., April 30.—The southbound flyer on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad late Sunday afternoon struck a horse and buggy driven by John Deisler, a well-to-do farmer of Horlicksville. Mr. Deisler was killed instantly, his body being horribly mangled. Mrs. Deisler was injured, though not fatally.

Increased License Fees.

New York, May 2.—The total receipts for liquor licenses in this city for the coming year are $4,859,815. This is $6,000 more than was paid last year and includes the fees for licenses from saloons, hotels, restaurants, drug stores and clubs.

Jury Disagreed.

Salt Lake City, Utah, May 2.—The jury in the case of B. H. Roberts, on trial for unlawful cohabitation, disagreed and was discharged.

Horror in Paris.

Paris, April 30.—Nine persons were killed and 40 injured by the collapse of a bridge on the exposition grounds.

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS.

"Ossified Man" Dies

Joseph McMullen, widely known as the "ossified man," whose singular malady was of great interest to the medical faculty, died at his home in Champaign. McMullen suffered from tuberculosis of the bones, which seems to have been brought about by an injury to his hip joint that befell him when he was a child of six. Every joint of his body became stiff and he was unable to move. In spite of his ailment his brain power was almost perfect. He read papers every day and was keenly interested in the affairs of the world. His weight was only 25 pounds.

Lived a Hundred Years.

Lorin F. Wolcott celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of his birth at his home in Sparta. The centenarian has been married three times. His present wife is 45 years old, and she was married to Mr. Wolcott 15 years ago. Of his nine children not one survives, but he has seven living grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. His first vote was cast in 1824 for John Quincy Adams. This aged Spartan can clearly remember many of the great men of the early part of the century.

Shoots Sweetheart and Self.

The farmhouse of Charles Davis, seven miles northwest of Watseka, was the scene of a double tragedy. Bert Underhill, of Watseka, has been paying attentions for some months to the 17-year-old daughter of Davis. Because she would not marry him Underhill shot her through the body and then shot himself through the head. He lived but a few minutes, expiring in the dooryard. The girl could not recover.

The Populists.

The people's party convention in Springfield nominated the following ticket:

Governor, A. C. Vantine, Flora; lieutenant governor, J. H. Ferris, Joliet; secretary of state, Edward Mulloy, Chicago; auditor, Jacob Cosad, Fayette county; treasurer, H. W. Bannigan, Chicago.

The following were elected delegates at large to national convention: Gibson Williams, Marion; S. T. Harbison, Robinson; Jacob D. Hess, Pittsfield; George Wickline, Nashville.

Burglars Loot a Bank.

Burglars secured $5,000 from the vaults of the Bank of Coulterville and made their escape. The robbers are supposed to be members of the gang which has operated throughout this state, Indiana and Wisconsin during the last six months. Not the slightest trace has been obtained of their identity. The bank was a private institution, owned by J. L. A. Nisbett.

Takes Wife's Name.

In the circuit court in Belleville Harry A. Steinkey and wife filed a motion for a change of their name to Haines. This change of name was made by the bridegroom two years ago when he wedded Miss Edith M. Haines, and they are known to their neighbors as Mr. and Mrs. Haines.

Told in a Few Lines.

Mrs. Susan Simmons Winans, first white child born in Chicago, died in Santa Ana, Cal.

Mrs. Jane Booth celebrated her one hundredth birthday in Barry. A family reunion was held, in which four generations were represented.

C. H. Rosensteil & Sons' vinegar factory at Freeport was destroyed by fire, the loss being $20,000.

A mammoth coal shaft is to be sunk between Rutland and Minonk.

Flames destroyed the big plant of the Atlas Brewing company in Chicago, the loss being $250,000.

The First Methodist Episcopal church at Chandlerville was dedicated with appropriate and impressive services.

News that she had inherited a fortune killed Mrs. Gottfried Hoehn, of Carlyle.

Police Sergt. Timothy S. O'Connell was murdered by unknown persons in Chicago.

A searching party discovered the body of Robert Carter, of Alkins, in an abandoned well. Four arrests on a charge of murder followed.

Methodist ministers of the Galesburg district in convention in Galesburg passed resolutions of sympathy for the Boers and condemning the war.

Triplets were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Pickering, near Ledford, the three weighing 12 pounds. One died soon after being born. The other two are well and hearty.

In Chicago 150,000 men and $25,600,000 capital are idle because of strikes.

The mine at Carlinville which has been closed owing to the strike of the mine manager and examiners has resumed operations.

St. John's Reformed Episcopal church in Chicago was badly damaged by a fire, supposedly incendiary.

The Blomer Michael Packing company's plant was damaged by fire in Quincy to the amount of $15,000.

Vincent E. Fay, a prominent jurist and politician of Christian county, died at his home at Taylorville, aged 54. During the civil war he served in the One Hundred and Sixty-first Ohio infantry.

James Harris, of Spring Valley, was found suffering from smallpox in Chicago and shut up in a pound back of the Englewood police station all the evening with dogs and horses.

A convention of the Christian churches of Christian county will be held in Taylorville on May 14 and 15.

The Southern Illinois Press association will meet in Carbondale June 8 and 9.

The governor has commuted from fourteen to ten years the sentence of Charles Carpenter, who was convicted in 1894 in Cumberland county of manslaughter.

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