

CONGRESS GRINDING AGAIN

Members Get Together Without Anything Happening Out of the Ordinary.

POOR SHOWING MADE IN THE HOUSE

Representatives Show About Takers up Their Duties, While the Senators are on Hand in Force—No Message from the President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—A beautiful day, with a clear sky and a mild breeze, attended the Fifty-second congress.

As the hands of the clock pointed to the hour of 12, Speaker Crisp assumed the speaker's chair and rapped for order.

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The following members elected to fill vacancies were sworn in: McLaurin, Sixth Carolina; Kilduff, Second New York; Gallagher, Sixteenth Ohio; Brown, First Maryland; Spee, Twenty-fourth Pennsylvania.

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There were the usual scenes at the opening of the senate. The floral tributes upon the desks of the senators were about evenly divided between the republican and democratic and more profuse than ever before.

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On reconvening the committee announced that the president would communicate with the house through the senate.

The death of Representative E. J. McDonald of New Jersey was announced, and as a mark of respect, the house adjourned.

REPUBLICAN SENATORS CAUCUS.

Admission of Arizona and New Mexico to Statehood Discussed.

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The necessity was made apparent that, as in the case of the bill, it is vigorously pressed by the democratic senators.

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THE SUPREME COURT.

How an Omaha Man Escaped the Payment of a Debt.

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NEWS FOR THE ARMY.

List of Changes of Importance in the Regular Service Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The following army orders were issued today:

OUR POSTOFFICE SERVICE

Extracts from the Report of Mr. Wainwright to the President.

IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE

Suggestions from the Postmaster General—Free Delivery and Other Matters Discussed—The Work of the Department for a Year.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—The postmaster general reports at the beginning of his annual report to the president the chief developments of the year as follows:

Five million dollars added to the gross revenue; the deficit reduced nearly \$1,000,000; money order orders increased two-thirds, from 10,070 to 16,595; eighty-two cities supplied with free delivery; 2,790 new offices established; 238 offices advanced to the presidential grade; 16,750,000 miles of additional service; 1,500 new mail routes established, embracing 8,500 miles of new service; extra mail service extended; and pneumatic service introduced.

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BLOODY DEED OF A DESPERADO.

He Attacks a Woman with an ax and Then Robs Her.

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PURCHASED PERJURY

Charges That the Testimony of Clara Allen in the Miller Case Was Bought.

HER FRIENDS SAY SHE WAS BRIBED

Women Who Were Intimate with Her Tell a Very Strange Story.

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS THE PRICE

She is Said to Have Offered the Opportunity to Several Others.

SUDDENLY DISAPPEARS FROM SIGHT

After Leaving the Court Room Saturday the Most Important Witness for the Prosecution Has Not Been Seen—Some Startling Details.

Where is Clara Allen?

That is a problem of which a good many people endeavor to find a solution yesterday, but so far their efforts have resulted in a signal failure to locate the woman, whose testimony is most relied on to convict Dick Berlin and Charles Hays of the alleged murder of Mayor Miller on the first Tuesday in October.

And then upon hinges the more important query. Did Clara Allen tell the truth when she swore that she saw Charles Hays fire the fatal shot, or did she procure her soul for money and in the hope of gaining a few paltry dollars after a trial, for all she knew might mean death to the two men who are on trial for their lives?

News She Was Going.

She has disappeared as completely as though she had never lived, and the police and other interested parties who searched vainly for some trace of her whereabouts during yesterday afternoon and evening believe that she has quietly folded her tent and left for more congenial climes.

It is not to be found at any of the low dens of vice which she has haunted during her stay in the city, and as far as can be ascertained she has never been seen since she left the police court room at 9 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

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