

WHY IOWA SHINES.

Hawkeye State Has Given Long Terms to Its Congressmen.

Amos J. Cummings Tells Why Experienced Men at the National Capitalield Greatest Power in Legislation for Their Constituents.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Term of service is the real source of power in both the senate and the house of representatives. The state or the city making the least change in its congressional representation reaps the advantage in legislation. With rare exceptions, the places on important committees are given to those most experienced in legislation. They ascend in grade, the same as an officer of the army or the navy, in proportion to their years of toil and usefulness.

Through the effort of her experienced congressmen and senators millions upon millions had been appropriated for the improvements of the rivers and harbors of the state, and there was hardly a town of any size within its boundary that did not contain a public building erected at the expense of the United States.

Of the 45 chickens nestling under the broad wings of the great federal fowl Maine drew the most warmth and sustenance. It was all due to the continuous service of her senators and representatives. Suddenly there came a change. Milliken, Dingley and Boutelle died in harness and Tom Reed went to New York to practice law.

Maine probably drew her inspiration from the city of brotherly love. Philadelphia awoke to the importance of keeping her representatives continuously in congress before the war.

She placed Gen. Harry Bingham in the house over 20 years ago and has kept him here ever since. So vital to the interests of the city was the retention of these congressmen that political affiliations became a secondary consideration.

One might almost say that the new United States navy was a product of Philadelphia. Alfred Harmer, one of her congressmen, was a member of the naval committee for 12 years.

Unusually rich was the reward reaped by the foresight of her citizens in retaining their delegation. O'Neill was a member of the committees on commerce and appropriations, and Gen. Bingham has been on the committee on post offices and post roads 14 years.

It was term of service that gave the south a preponderating influence in legislation before the war. Indeed, it has retained it since the conflict in Randall's first term as speaker (the Forty-fourth congress), the south had 32 committee chairmanships and the north 31.

Georgia has always recognized the benefits to be derived from long service. James H. Blount was 29 years a member of the house, and served for years as chairman of the committee on the post office and post roads, winding up as chairman of foreign affairs.

Nor is the northwest behind in the procession. Minnesota has evidently taken in the situation. She is the only one of the great western states who has re-elected her entire delegation. With Tawney on ways and means and insular affairs, McCleary on appropriations, aside from the chairmanship of the committee on library, Morris, of the Duluth district, on rivers and harbors; Stevens on military, Morris, of the Duluth district, on rivers and harbors; Stevens on military, Fletcher on the Mississippi levees and Frank Eddy chairman of mines and mining, it would look as though she had bitten off more than she could chew.

Iowa shines with peculiar brilliancy. The speaker is of course her most resplendent jewel, but there are others of the first water. Gen. Henderson had an experience of 16 years in the house before he aspired to the speakership.

Little Chief, Minn., Jan. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gorton were burned to death at their residence, four miles northeast of Little Chieffield, Tuesday night. There were but three persons in the house, the two old people and the hired man, Frank Adly, who escaped. Mr. Gorton had been an invalid for years.

CAUSED A SENSATION

Nebraska in Fever of Excitement Over Bartley's Pardon.

Gov. Savage Exercised Executive Clemency in Behalf of Ex-State Treasurer Who Had Embezzled a Half Million Dollars from the State.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2.—Gov. Savage will leave to-day for a short tour of the southern states, his final destination being New Orleans. At the state house it was understood that the pardon of Joseph Bartley, the defaulting state treasurer, was to be the final act of executive clemency for the present holiday season.

WILL DEFEY GOV. STANLEY.

One District Judge Threatens to Have the Executive Arrested for "Contempt of Court."

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 2.—William Thomson, judge of the Thirty-fifth Kansas judicial district, announces that he will defy the will of Gov. Stanley and adds that if the governor undertakes to set up authority against him, when he refuses to turn over his office to R. C. Heizer January 14, he will issue a warrant against him for contempt of court.

Briefly stated, the contention is that the judges affected by the Hallett biennial election law, passed last winter, claim it is unconstitutional. The law was enacted to legislate certain populist or democratic judges out of office and one republican, Thomson, suffers. They claim that if the act is unconstitutional they will hold over until the next November election.

A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS

This Vast Sum Represents the Excess of Government Receipts Over Expenditures for the Year.

Washington, Jan. 1.—"The treasury is in a condition of unexampled strength," said Secretary Gage Tuesday when asked to review briefly the treasury situation at the close of the year. "For the calendar year we show receipts in excess of the ordinary expenditures amounting roundly to \$100,000,000 dollars.

MISS COCKRELL INDIGNANT.

Daughter of Missouri Senator Denies the Rumor of Her Engagement to Milton Clark, of Montana.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The published statement that Miss Marion Cockrell is engaged to marry Senator Clark, of Montana, is denied by the lady. Miss Cockrell has been much annoyed by baseless reports of this sort. Senator Cockrell thought the publishing of such stories was beyond the limits of decent journalism.

Receipts of Live Stock for 1901.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 2.—Almost 7,000,000 animals, valued at \$130,377,658, were marketed at the Kansas City stock yards in 1901. The official figures, 6,919,714, compare with 6,140,691 in 1900 and 6,516,928 in 1898, the best previous record.

Oberlin Won the Rockefeller Offer.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 2.—With only a few hours' margin the trustees of Oberlin college raised the \$300,000 necessary to secure the conditional offer of \$200,000 made by John D. Rockefeller a year ago. About \$38,000 was raised the last day.

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A MIXED LOT.

In Poland it is a penal offense to speak Polish in any public resort. Great Britain loses more than £10,000,000 worth of property annually by fire. In 1796 William Jenner made his immortal experiments and placed them on a working basis.

A GRATEFUL MAN.

Cox, Wis., Jan 6th.—With Kidney disease so bad that he could hardly walk across the room for pain Frank M. Russell of this place was a man greatly to be pitied. He tired out with the slightest exertion and in spite of all the doctors could do for him he was growing gradually worse.

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