Hawkeye State Has Given Long Terms to Its Congressmen.

Amos J. Cummings Tells Why Experienced Men at the National Capital Wield 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. It is unwritten law, rarely disregarded by the speaker in making up his committees. In the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth congresses Maine wielded more influence in legislation than any other state in the union. Owing to their terms of service her senators and representatives dominated the leading committees.

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. Kittery navy yard, on her western boundary, reveled in appropriations. Her lumber, granite quarries and her lime and cement were protected by the tariff, and her shipyards supplied with government work and fortified with legislation. She even levied tribute upon the ocean at the expense of her sister states. A law was enacted that prevented the netting of mackerel until the schools reached her coasts, but every effort to protect the menhaden off the Jersey coast failed. Maine fishermen and others netted them by millions for bait and oil. Her sardine factories were protected by heavy duties on the French product, and genuine Finden haddies were driven from the American market to give place to the inferior product dried on her shores.

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. Only two years have elapsed since the Fifty-fifth congress expired and Maine has lost the lead. Iowa has usurped her place. The experienced delegation from the Kennebec, Penobscot and Androscoggin has given place to one entirely new. None of its four representatives has spent more than one term in the house. In proportion to its numbers it is probably as sparkling a deputation as any in the house, but it has no longer the touchstone of power-length of service. Its influence in the senate, however, has been so much increased by the re-election of Senators Hale and Frye that it may retain many of the advantages gleaned by the old delegation.

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 held Samuel J. Randall, Charles O'Neill, William D. Kelley and Alfred Harmer in the house of representatives 28 years. All died in office and all were buried at the expense of the United States. 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. Samuel J. Randall's district was always so apportioned by a republican legislature as to return him to the house despite all political convulsions. He served three terms as speaker and was for years chairman of the committee on appropriations. Kelley, who entered the house a term ahead of Randall, was at one time chairman of the ways and means, and a member of the committee nearly a quarter of a century. For 16 years he was its leading republican, and outranked Maj. William McKinley when the latter was made chairman by the appointment of Speaker Reed. With Randall and Kelley holding such important positions in the house by term of service, it is no wonder that the industrial and commercial interests of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania were so carefully fostered and nourished in all tariff and other upheavals. No city ever fared better in the committee on appropriations. A mint of money was spent in harbor and other improvements. Islands were shoveled out of the Delaware to improve her ship channel, and her great shipyards were fed with government contracts aggregating millions upon millions.

WHY IOWA SHINES. United States navy was a product of CAUSED A SENSATION 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. For eight years he has held a leading place in the committee on appropriations, and for six years has been in the direct line of succession to Joseph G. Cannon. Philadelphia has furnished successively four fathers of the house. Chairles O'Neill succeeded William D. Kelley, Alfred Harmer followed O'Neill and Harry Bingham, Harmer. Rarely did a delegation work more harmoniously than did this from Philadelphia in its long years of public service. There seemed to be no jealousies among them. Each did his level best for the city he represented. If an appropriation for a public building or for League island was sought each member turned to and worked like a beaver. All understood the science of logrolling, and never were they defeated. Their successors are young men who have already acquired places on influential committees and are yearly becoming more useful.

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. In the succeeding congresses up to and including the Fiftythird the south led in committee chairmanships. These figures apparently indicate that the speakers from the south favored their own section at the expense of their northern colleagues. The truth is that the assignments were made, with very few exceptions, in accordance with precedent, those having the longest service having the preference.

Georgia has always recognized the benefits to be derived from long serv-James H. Blount was 20 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. He also served on the ways and means and on appropriations. To Paramount Blount was Georgia indebted for many legislative tidbits. Nor is the empire state of the south heedless of the lesson learned so many years ago. She is one of the few states that re-elected her entire delegation last year. Her oldest memwhole when Crisp was speaker. Savannah has reaped her reward for his long service in liberal appropriations for her harbor and public buildings. Leonidas F. Livington, who has represented the Atlanta district for ten years, is already in line for the chairmanship of the committee on appropriations whenever the democracy regains the house.

Nor is the northwest behind in the procession. Minnesota has evidently treasury situation at the close of the taken in the situation. She is the year. "For the calendar year we only one of the great western states show receipts in excess of the orwho has re-elected her entire delega- dinary expenditures amounting roundtion. With Tawney on ways and means and insular affairs, McCleary on appropriations, aside from the embarrassment had not the departchairmanship of the committee on library, Morris ,of the Duluth district, plus to reduce the public debt in large on rivers and harbors; Stevens on milbrary, Morris, of the Duluth district, ury has redeemed and cancelled Unitfairs and chairman of the printing ed States bonds to the par value of kind taken into the stomach. committee, Fletcher on the Missis- \$58,714,700, which have been applied sippi levees and Frank Eddy chairman of mines and mining, it would ment resulting therefrom was \$72,look as though she had bitten off 226,845. The available cash on hand is more than she could chew. At all therefore only about \$30,000,000 larger events she is in a fair way to reap her reward for keeping the most of these gentlemen in the house for the eight years past.

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. Hepburn, of Nicaragua canal fame, has had 14 years Miss Cockrell has been much anin congressional life, and Hull, who ran the military committee so ably during the Spanish and Philippine publishing of such stories was betional school of legislation. Lacey, the head of the committee on public lands, also has a decade of service, while Robert G. Cousins, the orator par excellence, is credited with eight years. The whole delegation, however, is in line for advancement, and and it is more than ever apparent that the scepter of power has passed from the cast to the west. Term of service is the main lever in the trans-Amos, J. Cummings,

Husband and Wife Burned to Death. Little Chief, Minn., Jan. 2.-Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gorton were burned to death at their residence, four miles northeast of Little Chieffeld, Tuesday night. There were but three persons in the house, the two old people and the bired man, Frank Addy, who escaped. Mr. Gorton had been an in. Rockefeller a year ago. About \$38, One might almost say that the new | valid for years.

Nebraska in Fever of Excitement Over Bartley's Pardon.

Gov. Savage Exercised Executive Clemency in Behalf of Ex-State Treasurer Who Had Embezzied 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. No local happening for months has caused the sensation that did the release of Bartley. Gov. Savage said last night that he had received many personal expressions of approval of his act, as well as messages of congratulation. Telegrams of the same tenor poured into the Bartley home, and friends and former neighbors called to express their good will. In this city there were also expressions condemning the governor's action, accompanied by predictions that it would have an important political bearing. Mr. Bartley would make no statement. The theory that the governor was actuated by the belief that the pardoned man would be in a position to make restitution of part of the \$500,000 lost to the state was neither affirmed nor denied.

WILL DEFY 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. Judge Thomson will be in the midst of a term of court at Westmoreland, in Pottawatomie county, at the time.

Other judges similarly situated will fight the new law, except Judge Burris, of Johnson county, who, it is said, accepts it.

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 ber in legislative experience to-day is out of office and one republican. Rufus E. Lester, of Savannah. He has Thomson, suffers. They claim that served 12 years, and was a favorite if the act is unconstitutional they presiding officer in committee of the will hold over until the next Novem-

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 ly to \$100,000,000 dollars. Such an excess might have resulted in serious ment been able by means of this suramounts. Since April 1 last the treasto the sinking fund, and the disbursethan the amount held a year ago."

MISS COCKRELL INDIGNANT.

Daughter of Missouri Senator Denies the Rumor of Her Engagement to Mil-Lonaire 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. noyed by baseless reports of this sort. Senator Cockrell thought the war, has spent ten years in the na. youd the limits of decent journalism.

Receipts of Live Stock for 1901.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 2.-Almost 7,000,600 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. The official record of receipts in Kansas City in the year 1901 is as follows: Cattle, 2,000,165; calves, 120,410; hogs, 3,716,* 404; sheep, 980,078; horses and mules,

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. 007 was raised the last day.

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In Poland it is a penal offense to foodat speak Polish in any public resort. Great Britain loses more than £10,000,000 worth of property an-

nually by fire. In 1796 William Jenner made his immortal experiments and placed them on a working basis.

In Turkey red hair is counted a great beauty, and the women dye

their hair that tint. In every 1,000 British men there are 35 widowers; in 1,000 British women there are 78 widows.

The amount of live stock in the United States is worth \$1,000,000,000 more than five years ago.

When the present prince of Wales was a sailor boy on the warship Britan-

nia his nickname was "Sprats." It is said that raw eggs and milk are a sure remedy for poison of any

What will be the largest white lead manufacturing plant in the world is to be established at St. Louis; capital, \$15,000,000.

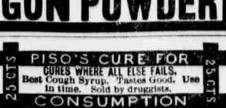
A GRATEFUL MAN.

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. He had tried many medicines and treatments without benefit, but recently he read in a newspaper about Dodd's Kidney Pills and these helped him from the very first dose.

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