

# THE MAN FROM OHIO.

### EFFORTS ARE MAKING TO HEAD HIM OFF.

A conference by Reed and Allison to discuss the Presidential Situation—The Maine Man's Proposals of Withdrawal in Certain Events Cautiously Received by the Iowan—The Name of Harrison.

### Reed and Allison Confer.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—A secret conference, it is said, was held at the capitol Sunday by Reed and Allison, with Manly and other leading adherents of each man, and methods of stemming the McKinley tide were discussed at length.

Allison was asked whether he would withdraw in the interest of Reed if it should be found that Reed had much more real strength in the national convention. He declined to give any reply. Reed said positively that if at any time in the proceedings of the convention Allison received more votes than he did, he would authorize his supporters to vote for Allison, if Allison would enter into a like arrangement with him in the event of Reed's following being more numerous.

This plain proposition from the Maine candidate put Allison somewhat into a corner, which he attempted to get out of by resorting to diplomacy. He said he was afraid that if the avowed candidates attempted to transfer their support to each other the enterprise would fail and McKinley would be the beneficiary. In his opinion the only safe method of procedure in order to defeat McKinley was for the other candidates to agree upon a dark horse who was not to be named in the preliminary balloting or to be formally placed before the convention. Reed asked whom he had in view in such an emergency. Allison, after much scratching of his head and pulling of his beard, finally replied that he thought, taking it all in all, ex-President Harrison was the only man that would fit such a situation.

Reed is said to have objected vigorously to Mr. Harrison under any circumstances and the conference ended. Allison's proposal has revived talk of Mr. Harrison's withdrawal having a string tied to it, and it is said that members of the House have received letters cautioning them not to be too quick to endorse the candidacy of others, but to hold themselves in readiness to lend their aid to Harrison at the proper time. It is asserted that letters of this tenor have been sent to leading Republicans in Nebraska, Kansas and throughout the South and West. The Indianaans, although ostensibly committed to McKinley, are ready for an emergency that would make Harrison a strong probability.

### A NEW CURRENCY BILL.

Non-Partisan Commission of Nine Experts Proposed.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—At the opening of the House to-day, Mr. Heatwole, Republican of Minnesota introduced the following resolution, which was referred:

"Whereas, in lieu of our present inadequate banking and currency system, it is desirable that Congress have the aid of such recommendations as a non-partisan commission of experts might be able to offer.

"Resolved, That the President is hereby authorized to appoint nine citizens, eminent in trade, political economy and banking, to act with the comptroller of the currency as such commission, and that such commission report its conclusions to Congress."

The Treasury department has instructed the New York subtreasury to raise the premium on gold bars from 1-16 to 3-16 of 1 per cent. The department's purpose in the issuance of this order is to do what can be done legitimately to prevent future exports of gold.

The order has a triple purpose: First, it will raise the price at which gold can be exported profitably, the price exchange now being dangerously near the export point; second, it is regarded as good policy to get rid of coin instead of bars, because the former frequently has lost weight through abrasion; third, it is intended to meet the action of the Bank of England in raising the price of gold bars to 77 shillings 10 pence, and thus practically lowering the rate of exchange at which gold can be shipped from the United States to Great Britain to about \$1.85 3/4 to \$1.85 1/2.

### The Hancock Statue Levied Upon.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The equestrian statue of General Hancock, which has not yet been erected, was levied upon by a constable yesterday for a debt of \$50, which the compiler of a biographical cyclopaedia claims is due him from the sculptor, Henry J. Elliott. The levy was an illegal one, as the statue is already the property of the government. The unveiling will take place about May 1.

### Labor Knocked Out Davis.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Senator Davis' friends are attributing his presidential knock-out in Minnesota to the labor organizations. During the great railroad strike of two years ago Senator Davis received a telegraphic appeal from labor leaders in St. Paul asking him to take the part of the Dets. He replied sharply, declaring his opinion that the strike should be crushed if it took the whole power of the government. This answer is said to have been used against Davis in the recent campaign for delegates.

### NEWS IN BRIEF.

A mutiny has broken out in Bolivia. A number of persons have been killed. The Italian Senate adopted the credits for further operations in Africa. Professor Fessenden has succeeded in perfecting a meter to measure the force of X rays. Charlotte Behrens, leading lady of Robert Mantell's company, secured a divorce in Chicago. Two white boys blackened their faces and robbed the station agent at Ramer, Ala. They were captured.

# A NEW COPYRIGHT LAW.

The House Patents Committee Planning a Most Thorough Revision.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The investigation of copyright laws, which has been carried on for several weeks by the House committee on patents, will probably lead to a more or less comprehensive revision of the copyright system. One of the principal changes likely to result will be the establishment of a bureau of copyrights in connection with the Congressional library, which now has charge of all the copyright business, but which has not a sufficiently large clerical force to properly handle this work.

Mr. Spofford, the librarian of Congress has been asked to report to the committee the amendments to the present law which he considers desirable, and when the committee has discussed his recommendations, a substitute for the Taelor bill, embodying such improvement as meet the approval of the members will be drawn up. Then General Draper, chairman of the committee, will submit the bill to all copyright leagues and other organizations which have a legitimate interest in the subject and elicit their opinions. More hearings before the committee may be made necessary. The program outlined will probably take most of the remainder of this session, so that there is little probability that any new law will be enacted before the next session.

### TEXAS WOMEN ACT.

The President and Congress Petitioned to Check Territory Outlawry.

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS, March 27.—The following petition is being numerously signed by the women of North Texas:

"To Grover Cleveland, President of the United States; Hoke Smith, Secretary of the Interior, and the members of Fifty-fourth Congress of the United States:

"Calling your attention to the numerous robberies and high crimes generally which have been committed by the outlaws of the Indian Territory on the law-abiding citizens who live adjacent to said Territory, we, the undersigned mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of Wichita county, Texas, appeal to you for protection for our sons, fathers, husbands, brothers and selves from the said outlaws. "We believe that as long as the present state of affairs exist in the Indian Territory the people who live around its borders will be in danger and subject to attacks by these criminals and outlaws. The Indian Territory is a government nursery and resort for criminals, and we petition you (our representatives) who are in power for the relief from them. This relief we earnestly pray and petition for, and it can only be given us by the settlement of the territory by civilized people. It is useless to look to the officials of the states adjoining the territory for protection or relief, as we well know that the Federal government and it only has sole jurisdiction. Should this appeal to you who are empowered with authority to act and protect the lives, property, interest and reputation of those you represent reach you and you fail to grant this petition, you will be held responsible by both God and man for any further crimes committed by the murderers and robbers who inhabit the Indian Territory.

### Working on a Territory Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The House Indian affairs committee to-day held a protracted executive session on the subject of an Indian Territory bill. The Flynn and Curtis measures were made the base of discussion. Only the first three sections were covered, but the committee will meet again Saturday and thereafter from day to day until a bill shall be perfected.

### The Hawaiian Cable Question.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations briefly considered the Hawaiian cable question yesterday, but deferred action until next Wednesday, when it will make an effort to dispose of it. A bill has been drafted by the committee, embodying what are believed to be the best features of the Scrimser and Spaulding bills.

### An Electric Heating Trust.

BOSTON, March 27.—The American Electric Heating corporation, which includes all the companies of importance engaged in the manufacture of electric heating apparatus, has been formed with headquarters in this city. It is controlled by a syndicate of Boston, New York and Western capitalists. The company will have a capital stock of \$10,000,000.

### South African Natives Revolt.

CAPE TOWN, March 27.—The Mata-beles of the Inzza and Filabus districts have revolted and massacred the white settlers, including Commissary Bentley. The fugitive whites are flocking to Bulawayo and Gwelo for protection. A detachment of seventy-five volunteers with a Maxim gun has been dispatched against the natives.

### Robert Mantell Married.

CHICAGO, March 27.—Robert Mantell and Charlotte Behrens, the actress, were married by Bishop Samuel Fallows to-day, at the home of Attorney R. A. Wade. The bride was formerly Mrs. Huhn and was granted a divorce yesterday.

### Senate Cuban Resolutions Adopted.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The conferees on the Cuban resolutions have agreed to accept the resolutions as passed by the Senate.

### Russia and France Alone Oppose the British-Egyptian Expedition.

CAIRO, March 27.—The commission of the Egyptian debt has decided to advance the \$2,500,000 necessary to meet the expenses of the British-Egyptian expedition against Dongola. Of the sum needed, \$1,000,000 is available immediately. The English, German, Italian and Austrian members of the commission voted to advance the money. The Russian and French members voted against the proposition and left the meeting after protesting against the use of the reserve fund.

# ANTI-MCKINLEY COMBINE.

The Reed and Allison Forces Join to Defeat the Ohio Man.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Reed and Allison men have decided to work together to stem the tide of McKinleyism. A conference was held yesterday and this decision reached. The conference was held in Senator Aldrich's committee room, and those present were Speaker Reed and Joseph H. Manly, Senator Gear and Congressman Anderson of Iowa, and Senators Aldrich and Chandler. Senator Gear and Congressman Henderson represented Senator Allison.

The Reed and Allison men, it is understood, are preparing to puncture some of the claims on which McKinley's claim to popularity rests. The impression is general and the McKinley managers are endeavoring to strengthen it in the popular mind, that McKinley, in addition to being entitled to the principal credit for the protective tariff bill which bears his name, is also the originator of the reciprocity agreements. Senator Gear has stated that, far from McKinley being entitled to the credit for these agreements, they were, in fact, the work of Senators Allison and Aldrich, and that McKinley fought them with all his might. An authoritative statement on this question from the Allison managers may be expected before long.

It is also being boldly asserted that McKinley never wrote a tariff schedule, and threats of telling how they were written are being made. Some lively developments seem to be in prospect before the St. Louis convention assemblies.

### NO SENATE ACTION.

More Delay in the Upper Chamber on the Cuban Resolutions.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—When the Senate met to-day, Mr. Sherman moved to commit the Cuban resolutions to the conference committee. Asked concerning his motion, he said that the object was to secure such modification of them as would satisfy the scruples of some of the senators who were opposing the resolutions and to secure a vote on it at an early day.

At 3 o'clock Mr. Mills of Texas introduced a joint resolution directing the President to request Spain to give local self government to Cuba and in the event of Spain's refusal, authorizing the President to take possession of Cuba, using the military and naval forces for that purpose, and hold it until the people of Cuba can establish local self government.

At 3 o'clock the motion of Senator Sherman to refer the Cuban resolutions to the conference committee was adopted without division.

The Senate at once returned to other business and while the galleries did not realize for some time that the Cuban resolutions had been sent back to conference, the chair announced Messrs. Sherman, Morgan and Lodge as the Senate conferees.

### NEW YORK DEMOCRATS.

The Cleveland and Hill Factions Get Together.

NEW YORK, March 24.—If the plans of the Democratic leaders of the State are carried out they will unite the party this fall as it has not been united in years, and will make the State campaign the hottest on record. They propose to do this, the talk is, by nominating for governor Daniel Lamont, present secretary of war.

At evidence that the program has been agreed upon it is pointed out that Senator Hill and the administration are getting on together much better. The New York senator, it is claimed, has become practically the champion of the President in Congress, while within the last two or three weeks the President has appointed several of Senator Hill's friends to lucrative positions in this state.

### CIVIL SERVICE EXTENDED.

Many Offices in the Indian Service are Opened to Competitive Examination.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The President has issued a comprehensive order extending the civil service to practically the entire Indian service, save those offices above and including that of agent, to which appointments are made by the President, and the few minor positions of a laboring character, like cooks and washerwomen. Indians who show their fitness hereafter are to be allowed appointment to any of these positions, though the Secretary cannot secure transfers to positions in the classified service outside of the Indian work.

### Hours and Wages Cut.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 24.—The hardware manufacturing concern of Sargent & Co., employing some 1,500 hands, the largest factory in the State, has reduced hours from fifty-four to forty-two a week, involving a weekly reduction in wages earned of about 22 per cent. It manufactures more than 3,000 separate hardware articles, which are sold all over the country.

### No Notice to Mr. Bayard.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Ambassador Bayard will not receive any official notice of the censure passed upon him by the House of Representatives last week, unless Secretary Olney should decide to bring the matter to his attention, which members consider improbable. There was no provision contained in the resolutions for bringing them to the ambassador's attention.

### John Mikel was perhaps fatally shot by a man named Roder, near Huntsville, Mo.

### NEWS IN BRIEF.

Eight men were killed by an explosion on a Venezuelan man-of-war. Ex-Mayor Witten, a retired banker of Catskill, N. Y., is mysteriously missing. Iowa was visited by a terrific snow-storm and blizzard in the northwestern portion. Ballington Booth will organize his Volunteers on the plan of the United States army. Fire damaged the Atlantic refinery at Pittsburg, Pa., to the extent of over \$300,000.

# WANTS TO GO HOME.

A RESOLUTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.

Senator Platt is Desirous of Quitting Legislation—He Thinks Congress Ought to Clean Up and Go Home by May 2—An Anti-Sectarian Appropriation Bill—Miscellaneous Matters.

### For Adjournment of Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Both the floor of the Senate and the galleries were well-nigh deserted when the session opened to-day, as there was promise that there would be only the routine of appropriation bills.

Mr. Sherman presented a favorable report on the resolution authorizing ex-President Harrison to accept decorations conferred on him by Brazil and Spain while he was President, and asked immediate action.

"Let the resolution go over," interposed Mr. Allen, Populist, Nebraska. One objection was sufficient to prevent immediate action and the resolution went over.

Mr. Gallinger of New Hampshire proposed an amendment to the constitution, to be known as Article XVI, providing that neither Congress nor any State should pass any law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or use the credit of the United States or any State, or any money raised by taxation for the purpose of founding, maintaining or aiding any church, religious denomination or religious society, or any institution, society or undertaking wholly or in part under sectarian or ecclesiastical control.

At this point Mr. Platt of Connecticut, said that he thought it was about time to consider the question of adjournment, and without further comment he offered a resolution authorizing the president to call the State and members of the House of Representatives to close the present session by adjourning their respective houses May 2 at 2 o'clock p. m. It was referred to the committee on appropriations, and the Senate turned to the consideration of the legislative appropriation bill.

### REED NOT DISCOURAGED.

Thinks McKinley Has No Sure Thing on the Nomination.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Joseph H. Manly of Maine, who is managing Speaker Reed's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination, said the following to Governor Cleaves of Maine last night: "Hon. H. B. Cleaves, Governor of Maine: My Dear Governor: Including elections held to-day, there have been but 375 delegates elected to the Republican national convention. There are thirty-six contested cases, which are not given to any candidate, because it is unfair to assume that these cases will be decided either by the national committee or the convention. Of the 375 delegates elected, 154 are for McKinley, provided you concede him 26 from Indiana and 18 from Minnesota. The rest are divided as follows: Morton 64, Quay 19, Cullom 10, Allison 44, Reed 48. Mr. Reed will gain from now on until the convention. Yours truly, J. H. Manly."

There was more earnest conferring yesterday by the friends of Reed and Allison. The withdrawal of Cushman K. Davis, made necessary by the McKinley capture of the Minnesota convention, was a severe blow to the other candidates. It was felt more than any other thing that has happened. Until two or three days ago, the possibility that Davis might fail to hold Minnesota was not admitted. By noon it became known at both ends of the capitol that Senator Davis had sent a telegram announcing his withdrawal. It caused much excitement. Friends of Allison and Reed expressed the fear that Senator Cullom would be forced to take similar action just before the Illinois convention meets. The McKinley men were confidently claiming that if Senator Cullom did not withdraw they would elect four delegates-at-large in spite of him.

Mr. Reed, in conversation with friends, admitted that McKinley was obtaining much more strength in the North than he had expected, but he said the situation in the South had been misrepresented in the dispatches, and McKinley had not the votes there which were being claimed for him. A very close alliance is growing between Reed and Allison, as the result of these recent evidences of McKinley's strength.

### A Brutal Tramp Defies a Mob.

EMPORIA, Kan., March 26.—A tramp assaulted Mrs. C. Dille, who lives five miles west of Madison, last night, beating her with a club until her cries attracted her son and her husband, who captured the man after a fierce fight. Mrs. Dille is dangerously hurt and her husband is badly cut. There is talk of lynching, but the prisoner dares the crowd around the little country town calaboose to act.

### A. P. A.'s in Conference.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The advisory board of the A. P. A. was in session here practically all day. Judge Stevens of Missouri presided. Many prominent members of the supreme councils of state are in the city. C. T. Beatty of Chicago, supreme secretary of the supreme council; C. P. Johnson, State president of Illinois, and J. H. Traynor, supreme president of Michigan are here to appear before the board and present their political views. Unusual precautions were taken to insure secrecy.

### Only Two Blackmailers.

PARIS, March 26.—Ulric de Civry, formerly editor of the Echo de l'Armee, and Count Lionel Werther de Cesti, two of the men who have been on trial for some time on the charge of blackmailing the late Max Lebandy, the young millionaire conscript, who died in the military hospital at Amelieles-Bains, were sentenced to-day to thirteen months imprisonment and to fines of 500 francs each. The other defendants, including Armand Rosenthal, otherwise known as Jacques St. Core, formerly of the Figaro, and at one time correspondent in this city for a New York newspaper, were acquitted.

### ROBBED OF \$50,000.

An Old Man Bound and Gagged in Chicago and a Great Haul Obtained.

CHICAGO, March 26.—Christopher Schrage, who is 75 years of age, and lives alone at 711 South Jefferson street, was bound and gagged by two men last evening at 6:30 o'clock and robbed of money and papers amounting to more than \$50,000. The robbery was one of the boldest ever perpetrated in this city. No arrests were made and the police are at sea in the matter.

# MEMBERS "EXPLAIN."

Mr. Bartlett's Wrath Aroused—Mr. Boutelle Corrects Mr. Wheeler.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—At the opening of the House to-day, Mr. Bartlett, Democrat of New York, rose to a question of personal privilege to deny the statement that he had furnished the campaign circular used by Mr. Sulzer of New York a few days ago in an attack upon Mr. Gibson of Tennessee. He denounced the charge as a libel and a lie.

Mr. Boutelle of Maine said he, too, had a question of privilege to present in connection with a colloquy between General Wheeler of Alabama and himself during the debate on the Confederate disability bill. "During one of those gusts of fervid enthusiasm which occasionally sweep over the House," he said, "and almost drive us into war with England and Spain, the House on yesterday undertook negotiations with the Southern Confederacy for peace. I made a few remarks, and several gentlemen were anxious to give me instructions." He then read from the Congressional record to show that Mr. Wheeler had altered the record so as to say "many Democrats voted for the bill to retire General Grant" instead of "all the Democrats," as the official notes reported him. As a matter of fact, the vote on the Grant bill was 198 yeas to 79 nays.

Mr. Owens of Kentucky attempted to prevent Mr. Boutelle from rehearsing the history of the bill, and the Speaker thought that branch of the matter was not complete, but Mr. Boutelle made his point by stating that 58 out of the 79 votes against the bill were cast by ex-Confederates. He moved that the record be corrected, and, without objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Wheeler, meantime, was clamoring for recognition. He wanted to review the history of the Grant bill, but this not being permitted, he contented himself by offering as an explanation for the change made in the record that he thought a gentleman revising his remarks had the right to make his statements conform to the truth.

The House then, on motion of Mr. Boutelle, went into committee of the whole on the naval appropriation bill. Mr. Boutelle, chairman of the committee, spoke in eloquent terms of the new navy.

### MORE PAY FOR MAIL MEN.

The Postoffice Committee Favors Increasing the Maximum of Wages.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Representative Sperry of Connecticut, from the postoffice committee, has reported to the House the bill agreed upon by the committee, fixing the maximum salary on letter carriers in cities of more than 75,000 population at \$1,200 per year and in cities of less than 75,000 inhabitants at \$1,000 per year. Free delivery service, says the accompanying report is now a source of quite a large income to the government, and should the bill become a law it would be more than self sustaining.

### Murdered by a Rich Man.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 26.—There is little doubt to-day that Annie McGrath, the 18-year-old girl found dead at 2926 Girard avenue was murdered by Samuel P. Langden, the wealthy coal operator, whose mistress she was. Langden is kept in a cell in the city hall. The wet towel which lay over the girl's face when the body was found is in the possession of the detective department, but its condition is kept a profound secret.

### Heavy Judgment Against the Atchison.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Just as the office of the county clerk was closing for the day a judgment for \$53,549,260 was filed against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway in favor of the Union Trust company and trustees for the holders of the general mortgage bonds. The amount is for a deficiency judgment obtained in February last against the railroad company in Kansas.

### Train Wrecked Near Rockport.

ROCK PORT, Mo., March 26.—The accommodation passenger and freight train on the Rock Port, Langdon & Northern railroad, was wrecked about two miles south of here yesterday morning by the track spreading. The coach and two cars of cattle rolled down an embankment into the ditch about fifteen feet below. All the passengers were badly shaken up but no one was seriously injured.

### Cuban Archives Seized.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—A Cuban reverse that may harm the insurgent cause, more in its moral effect than in a tangible way, has just been sustained in Santi Spiritus province, where, according to a cablegram received at the Spanish Legation to-day, the Spanish forces have captured all of the archives of the insurgent government.

### Wm. M. Treloar is Renominated.

MEXICO, Mo., March 26.—William M. Treloar was renominated for Congress by the Republican Congressional committee, which met at Warrenton. His Democratic opponent will be the same person he defeated last year, Champ Clark, whom the Democrats are going to nominate without any opposition.

### National Board of Soldiers' Homes.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The House military affairs committee has recommended the reappointment of General Franklin as his own successor on the national board of soldiers' homes. Congressman Blue of Kansas fought the appointment.

### ST. LOUIS.

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Oats—No. 2, 37 @ 37 1/2  
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Butter—Creamery separator, 16 @ 15  
Butter—Fair to good country, 12 @ 12  
Eggs—Fresh, 8 @ 8  
Chickens—Dressed, per lb., 14 @ 14  
Turkeys—Per lb., 14 @ 14  
Lemons—Choice Messina, 3 @ 3  
Oranges—Per box, 25 @ 25  
Honey—Fancy white, 14 @ 14  
Apples—Per bushel, 3 @ 3  
Sweet potatoes—Good, per bushel, 2 @ 2  
Beets—Per bushel, 2 @ 2  
Beans—Navy, hand-picked, bu 1 @ 1  
Cranberries—Jersey, pr bushel, 5 @ 5  
Hay—Upper, per ton, 10 @ 10  
Onions—Per bushel, 3 @ 3  
Broom Corn—Green, per bushel, 1 @ 1  
Hogs—Mixed packing, 3 @ 3  
Hogs—Heavy weights, 3 @ 3  
Hogs—Stockers and feeders, 2 @ 2  
Beef—Steers, 3 @ 3  
Bulls, 3 @ 3  
Milk, 2 @ 2  
Calves, 4 @ 4  
Oxen, 1 @ 1  
Cows, 2 @ 2  
Helfers, 2 @ 2  
Westerns, 2 @ 2  
Sheep—Lamb, 2 @ 2

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### TOPEKA, Kan., March 26.—

Cyrus Leland has not joined the A. P. A. He will not authorize to the newspapers say this, as it would be impolitic for a man occupying his position in public life to get into a controversy of that kind, but to his friends he says the story is without foundation.

### A Temperance Ticket at Miltonvale.

MILTONVALE, Kan., March 26.—Temperance people of Miltonvale have held two mass meetings and nominated a ticket for city election. Fred Koster, one of the most prominent cattle dealers in Kansas, heads the ticket for mayor.

# LAST WAR RELIC REMOVED

Confederate and Union Soldiers on the Same Plane.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Senator Hill's bill to remove the restrictions against the appointment as officers of the army or navy of persons who held commissions in the army or navy before the rebellion, and who subsequently took part in the war on the side of the Confederacy, which passed the Senate during the height of the excitement over the Venezuela boundary question, passed the House yesterday, after two hour's debate, with but one dissenting vote—that of Mr. Boutelle of Maine.

The Democrats, except Mr. Cummings of New York, who spoke, as he said, for one of 800,000 Democrats who fought in the Union army," and Mr. Wilson of South Carolina, who was drawn into the debate by Mr. Boutelle, refrained entirely from participation. Mr. Hull of Iowa, chairman of the military committee, who had charge of the bill, admitted it would subvert no practical purpose, and was largely sentimental.

Mr. Boutelle, who led the opposition, single-handed, thought it would furnish a bad object lesson for naval and military candidates who were about entering on careers in the service of their country, and when he got warmed up to his subject, called attention to the fact that many Southern men in Congress in the past had obstructed legislation in the interest of Union soldiers, dwelling particularly on the opposition to the retirement of General Grant. Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio and Mr. Grow of Pennsylvania, however, supported the bill ardently as a graceful and gracious act to the vanquished, and when the vote was taken Mr. Boutelle alone voted against its passage.

The bill to abolish the death penalty in certain cases was passed. Bills were also passed to make the sale of spirituous liquors under a false brand punishable by fine and imprisonment, to turn over the property of the Mormon church, now in the hands of a receiver, to the trustees, and several others of minor importance.

### IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

DES MOINES, March 18.—Three hundred and ninety-two United States patents were issued for the week ending March 10, and of that number 71 are for Iowa, 9 for Missouri, 7 for Nebraska, 5 for Minnesota, 4 for Kansas, 1 for South Dakota. The highest number for any one state is 73 for New York. The examiners of 18 "great divisions are less than a month in arrears with their work 13 less than two months and one between two and three months, and the aggregate of applications pending for regular patents is 8,028; for designs, 153, and for trade marks 88. W. V. Stephenson, of Fort Dodge, has been allowed a patent for a valuable improvement of his transformable step-ladder for which a patent was recently issued to him. N. J. Noble, of State Center, has been allowed a patent for a marine or other boiler in which the draft is forced by fans, supplied from the deck line and discharged above the deck, and also in which the creosote or heavy products of combustion are collected and precipitated into the water on which the marine vessel is floated. A Scholl of Murray, Iowa, has been allowed a patent for a double action lift and force pump specially adapted to be partially imbedded in the ground at the bottom of a well so that it requires no artificial support. Printed copies of any one patent sent to any address for 25 cents. Valuable information about securing, valuing and selling patents sent free to any part of the United States.

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