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SCISSORS DEPARTMENT.

A Discredited Congress.

Congress has been in session fifty days and has absolutely wasted the time. It is proposed to continue the waste of time, except when the Dingley bill may be actually up for consideration in either house of congress. At the close of each congress a vast body of crude and undigested legislation is pushed through, and millions upon millions of dollars are appropriated without adequate time for consideration. The excuse invariably given when items of appropriation are criticised is that there was such a pressure at the end of the session that due consideration could not be given, and that the whole mass had to be forced through without proper examination. The fifty days that have been wasted might well have been employed by the committees, if not in passing bills, at least in preparing and investigating the legislation which must be passed before this congress finally adjourns.

There never was a more discreditable spectacle than for the members of the two houses of congress to be hanging around Washington drawing their pay and absolutely neglecting their duties, when everybody knows that at the end of this congress millions will be wasted and a vast amount of bad legislation will be forced through under the pretext that proper investigation and preparation was impossible under the pressure of business. It is the duty of congress to spend all the time when it is in session either in passing bills or in investigating questions to come before the two houses for action. Failing in that, congress fails in a very plain duty.

We say that the exhibition which congress is now making of itself is not only disgraceful, but is actually discrediting the government and destroying the confidence which the people ought to have in their chosen representatives.—Silver Knight.

Will Not Call a Conference.

Chairman Butler has applied the "Referendum" to the matter of calling a conference in the near future, and out of ninety-five replies received from the committee, seventy-five are opposed to the proposition. By this decisive majority has the question been settled in an inexpensive way by applying one of the principles of the party to the management of the party itself.—Nonconformist.

"The light of love"—Most any kind that can be turned down.

State warrants were held at 99% cents on April 30. The credit of Nebraska paper is all right under the reign of "Holcomb and his gang."—Wisner Chronicle.

Why do the republican leaders continue to postpone the arrival of prosperity? Because they believe there is no comfort in anticipation than realization.—Silver Knight.

Why do the republicans, after having spent five months preparing a tariff bill in secret, want the senate to pass it without reading? Because they think the least said about it the better.—Silver Knight.

If Bartley is not a good representative of the republican party now, he was one last fall, and if it had not been for him their campaign funds could not have been swelled so easily.—Red Cloud Nation.

It looks as if the Sewall family were fixed in any event. It was "heads I win, tails you lose" with them. If the old man couldn't be vice president, the son will be the Sandwich Islands as American minister.—Star and Kansan.

Why does the Spanish government keep Gsa, Weyer in Cuba? Because he is the most disgusting combination of treachery, falsehood, cruelty and barbarity that has appeared on earth, and thoroughly represents Spanish civilization.—Silver Knight.

Recent events at the state university show conclusively that Chancellor MacLean is a too narrow gauged man to occupy his present position, when he procures the dismissal of a professor because he is more popular among the students than the chancellor himself.—Wahoo Era.

A defaulting cashier before ending his own existence after his cussedness had

been discovered, wrote: "Death before disgrace." The sentiment was not so bad, but away behind time. If the inspiration had seized him before he got away with other people's money it would have been opportune indeed.—Auburn Grainger.

Some of our republican exchanges are denouncing the populist state officials because ex-Treasurer Bartley was released on \$50,000 bonds when he stole \$537,000 from the state. Don't worry, dear brother, Attorney General Smyth done the prosecuting and had a republican county judge bound him over—York Democrat.

State Treasurer Meserve has again called in a batch of warrants that have been drawing seven per cent interest. One \$150 warrant had been out so long that it had \$42 interest upon it. This warrant could have been redeemed long ago if ex-Treasurer Bartley had used the money of the state for official business.—Fremont Leader.

Prior to 1860 a good, healthy young negro servant would sell for \$1,000 spot cash. If any one desires to ascertain how cheap white or black slaves are now, hang out a sign "servants wanted" and you will quickly learn that slaves, black and white, can be had for feed and a few cast off rags.—Southern Mercury.

The four great departments of human activity are set out in the platform of the people's party and never before so set out—land, labor, transportation and finance—these include taxation, money, railroads, combinations, trusts, strikes, suffrage, temperance, immigration, international reciprocity—very subject of great concern to the people.—Topeka Advocate.

Sending food to starving Cubans is not enough. What is needed is to prevent starving of them, by the removal of Weyer and the recognition of Cuban independence. There is no sense in letting Weyer devastate the island then paying out American money to mitigate the horrors he has wrought. The American people have stood his atrocities long enough. They won't pay for them besides.—St. Paul Press.

How the gold men are praying for a general European war to raise prices stimulate business for a time, thus effectually killing the "silver craze." Such a war would raise prices and stimulate business in America, but it would not kill the "silver craze" by any means. The American people are getting their eyes open. Some of them at least know that a monetary system which will only give us prosperity when other nations are being drenched in blood and their industries destroyed, is not and cannot be a good system.—New Era Standard.

Some people object to the action of Senator Thurston in traveling about the country at the expense of the Union Pacific railway company. Such criticism is unkind. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and the Union Pacific does not carry a more devoted hired man on its pay rolls than is Thurston. It is true that he occasionally neglects his railroad duties long enough to work for some other private interests in the United States senate, but on the whole he is the brightest and ablest senator now owned by the Union Pacific company.—Papilion Times.

All the necessities of life subject to tariff duties and purchased by the masses are advancing in price. At the same time the dispatches are announcing reduction of wages, strikes and lockouts in the factories. The farmers must sell their produce in the open markets of the world at gold standard prices fixed by the speculators and at the same time pay the additional expense of a tariff established for the benefit of the manufacturing trusts and combines. Even his surplus fruit must hunt a market in free trade England, the price of which will fix the price of that sold in the home market, regardless of any tariff duty fixed as a blind.—Western News.

Judge Strude seems to be devoting considerable time, if we are to believe the reports from Washington, trying to get Capt. Paine back on the government pay-roll. If he is really desirous of serving the old soldiers he could give general satisfaction by securing the appoint-

ment of some much more deserving veteran from Lincoln, rather than that of a man who doesn't need the position, who has been a disturber in party politics and who for the past ten years has been successful in fastening himself onto the public service almost continuously. He should move up and give another a chance.—Lincoln News.(rep.)

The Lincoln Journal is very unhappy these days. With a corps of the best talent obtainable for the purpose it is unable to discover anything to find fault about in connection with the work of the late legislature—that is anything that is really worth mentioning. After having had to stand up for successive republican legislatures that gave the people the worst of it from beginning to end, it is hard luck to have the hated pops come in and transact the state's business in a way that gives practically no opportunity for kicking, when the poor old Journal expected to have a picnic in showing up their shortcomings.—Madison County Times.

Among the many more or less misty conditions and circumstances that go to make up the life and experience of the American farmer, Secretary Wilson is now investigating why it is that we must import 1,000,000 dozen eggs each year. Until we can procure a class of hens that will lay eggs through the winter season with the same alacrity with which our present ones proceed to do business in early spring we shall have to get a large supply of our eggs elsewhere. At the same time there is a large field always open for the resources of that man or woman who can coax the hens to lay a goodly number of eggs out of the regular season of fresh supplies.—Neb. Farmer.

The world's ingratitude to labor is the worst of its wrongs. Its toilers are ever upon the verge of outrage. The compensation it pays industry is misery, low wages, coarse raiment, squalid habitation and mean sustenance—a condition the nursery for crime. The burdens of society rest heavily upon labor, its greatest benefactors and curses and lashes are the result of its goodness. Why should this be? The compensation of that which places a palace above your head, a feast upon your table, a robe upon your back, and furnishes you with every necessity of human effort, is treated with contempt and contumely. Labor should never be satisfied or contented until it receives its just reward.—Columbus Argus.

Nebraska is blessed with a corps of clean, able and honest populist state officials who are giving the people an honest and economical administration. They have procured the arrest of an ex-republican state treasurer on the charge of robbing the state of half a million dollars or more of funds entrusted to his care, and of an ex-republican auditor who took \$27,000 of the people's money and invested it in Colorado silver mines. Evidently here is a republican who is not altogether stuck on "sound money," possibly he was afflicted with the "free silver craze." Under the rule of these pop officials state bonds are being paid off instead of allowing the money jobbers to handle state money and reap a big interest therefrom. State warrants, that have in the past been trafficked in by state officers, with state money and purposely kept at a discount, are now at par and are being rapidly taken up and destroyed, and the interest on them stopped. If this is "populistic damnation" no doubt Missouri could stand a little of the same kind of affliction.—Peoples Messenger, Memphis, Mo.

The gold combine of New York and London are at their old trick again. They want more bonds and they will endeavor to force a new issue or issues, under McKinley's administration, as they did under Cleveland's. They have had millions of dollars worth of gold lying idle for months in their vaults which should have been earning for them a fair and reasonable rate of interest, but Shylock's greed has been so great that the poor man could not touch it without too great a sacrifice if at all.

Since May 1st \$7,000,000 of gold has been shipped by these scoundrels to London. The game of see-saw has again begun. It will continue until the \$149,000,000 of gold now in the treasury shall be reduced to less than the \$100,000,000 limit, when McKinley will be forced to issue a series of bonds. When the crisis comes, as surely it must McKinley will be given an opportunity to meet it manfully and boldly or meekly submit to the syndicate. Will he befriended the people, or fall into the clutches of the shylocks? It remains to be seen. Secretary of the treasury Gage was feasted and banqueted about a week ago by the financiers of New York. Carlisle was also feasted and banqueted by this same soulless gang of vultures. What happened to Carlisle has just begun with Gage—the drain on the gold reserve by the endless chain until the government is forced to issue more bonds.

Oh, for an Allen of Nebraska as secretary of the treasury. He would soon appease the hunger of the wolves of Wall street.—O'Neil Sun.

DINGLEY DISSATISFIED.

The Amendments to the Tariff Bill do not all Meet His Approval.

Chairman Dingley of the House Finance Ways and Means committee has given a statement for publication, concerning the senate amendments to the tariff bill. In his opinion the senate as a body will considerably modify and alter the bill as reported by the senate committee, and that considerable time will be required in the discussion of the measure. He says this delay will result in largely nullifying the revenue qualities of the bill the first year through importations of wool, sugar, tea and other articles made before the new duties become operative.

Of the 700 senate amendments not more than 500 apply to a change in rates, the other 200 consist in corrections of grammar, spelling, punctuation, etcetera. On the whole he does not think the senate committee has improved the bill. The treasury officials claim that the bill as reported by the senate committee will raise fully as much revenue as the house bill.

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HARDY'S COLUMN.

Tariff—Gold—Tricks of Clerks—Gulf Road The Six Wars.

If the amended tariff bill passes instead of the Dingley bill, how will the eastern manufacturers get back the money they gave to elect McKinley? The changes made in the senate are rather in the interest of the west and that is not McKinleyism. The east do not like anything done for the west only to tax them and hand the money over to the east. How a western man can favor any other tariff only a certain per cent upon everything imported we cannot see and even then the east would make dollars out of it where the west would pennies. The Dingley bill like the McKinley bill will double the value of a days work in Massachusetts without raising the value of a days work in Nebraska one cent, then on top of that Nebraska must pay her share of the raise in Massachusetts.

The goldbug papers and the republican politicians are all shouting that gold has gone down since the gold standard has been established in Japan. And there has been a decline, but not as much as when India knocked silver out. Every gold standard law that has been made has reduced the price of silver. And yet all the gold standard republican editors and stump speakers will swear by all that is left of high Heaven that law has had nothing to do with the decline of silver.

Now the old line republicans laugh at us because some of our clerks tricked us out of several reform laws passed by the last legislature. Of course those who come over to us bring old party proclivities with them, and unless we can discover some method of bleaching them, we may expect republican tricks and usage if we keep them under a half million it will be doing well. Give us time and we will wear them from wrong doing. We want make such men bank receivers of other mens money.

It is all right to talk about a "new gulf road" but unless it can be a government road it will do us no good. If eastern men and eastern capital are to control it, it will be controlled in the interests of New York and we all know what that means, the west shake the tree and the east pick up the apples. Corn has been selling in Mexico for one dollar a bushel and wheat in proportion but the freight and tariff just about use up the margin. The Mexicans have got the McKinley high tariff on the brain, and yet thousands of bushels of Nebraska corn has been shipped and sold there during the last year.

The European war seems drawing to a close. The unspeakable Turk will probably gain a good slice of Grecian territory. How the Christian nations can stand by and see the most savage and uncivilized nation of Europe make a human slaughter house of her territory is more than we can conjecture. All Europe bows to the Turk because he holds the dardanelles. They all seem to prefer to perpetuate the inhuman Turk rather than run the risk of Russia getting the free navigation of the Black Sea outlet.

The Cuban war still rages. Let the Spanish tell the story "all is quiet in Cuba" while at the same time the most outrageous treatment is dished up to the native Cubans. The only reason why Samuel does not put his finger in the pie is New York millionaires hold some of the Spanish bonds and they would decline in price if Cuba should gain her independence of Spain. Money rules in this country from top to bottom. The people no more govern than does the queen of England. McKinley is president but Wall street is president of presidents.

The six Nebraska wars are no nearer peace than they were one week ago. The university students do not acquiesce. Wolf's dismissal still chafes. An armistice has been declared in the Lincoln city war. The mayor and marshall claimed the right to decide what laws should be enforced and what trampled under foot. The new excise board gave them the choice of enforcing all the laws or a chief with police to back him would be appointed. They promised to clean up the dirty places and now all is quiet, waiting for court injunctions. The Beatrice feeble minded war is still raging and is likely to be a bad smelling thing. We have lived through several such at Nebraska City, Lincoln, Norfolk, Grand Island and so on round; we may live through these. The Omaha war begins to look red. The old mayor claims the new charter void and also that the newly elected mayor is void because he defaulted the small sum of fifty thousand. Court injunctions are anxiously waited for on both sides.

It is a violation of modern political faith for any Nebraskan to object to a man taking an office because he defaulted in a public trust. If it should be decided that defaulters are not eligible where would the republicans go to get men to fill their ticket? Defaulters are all right for national bank receivers. Bartley's bank has busted and why not make him receiver, though perhaps there are not assets enough to tempt him. The prudent, far seeing republican leaders tell us that all that is needed to place Nebraska on the high road to prosperity is to elect a republican judge this fall and a republican state treasury next fall.

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LIGHTNING WELL MARY

The grand jury in Saginaw, Mich., has returned an indictment finding Clarence L. Judd, who was cashier of the First National bank of East Saginaw, guilty of making false entries in the books of the bank. Judd was a prominent leader in church and charitable work.