

King Solomon and the Ant.

Out from Jerusalem: The King rode with his great War chiefs and lords of state, And Sheba's Queen with them. Proud in the Syrian sun, In gold and purple queen The dusky Ethiopian Queen Smiled on King Solomon.

Wheat of men, he knew The languages of all The creatures, great or small That trod the earth or flew.

Across an ant-hill led The King's path, and he heard It's small folk, and their word He thus interpreted:

"Here comes the King men greet As wise, and good, and just, To crush us in the dust, Under his heedless feet."

The great King bowed his head, And saw the wide surprise Of the Queen of Sheba's eyes, As he told her what they said.

"O, King!" she whispered sweet, "Too happy fate have they Who perish in thy way, Beneath thy gracious feet!"

"Nay," Solomon replied, "The wise and strong should seek The welfare of the weak," And turned his horse aside.

His train, with quick alarm, Curried with their leader round The ant-hill's peopled mound, And left it free from harm.

The jeweled head bent low: "O, King!" she said, "benevolent, The secret of thy worth And wisdom well I know."

"Happy must be the State Whose ruler heedeth more The murmurs of the poor Than fatteries of the great!"

WASHINGTON! Proceedings of the U.S. Congress

SENATE. WASHINGTON, Tuesday, May 14.—Davis of Illinois, from the committee on judiciary, reported with amendments the Senate bill providing times and places of holding the United States Circuit Court in Iowa, and the appointment of an additional judge; placed on the calendar.

Consideration was resumed of the bill to repeal specie resumption. After some time the Senate resumed consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill. After some consideration Wallace, from the committee on foreign relations, reported with amendments the bill in relation to the Japanese indemnity fund; placed on the calendar.

McMillan, from the committee on military affairs, reported favorably the Senate bill authorizing the Secretary of War to have headstones erected over the graves of soldiers who served in the regular or volunteer army of the United States during the war for the union, and had been buried in private cemeteries; the bill was briefly discussed and laid aside.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolutions in regard to the reported frauds in the presidential election—the regular order being on seconding the demand for the previous question offered yesterday by Potter. The motion was carried by a vote of 130 to 104.

Before announcing the result, the Speaker laid before the House a communication from the President of the House of the death of Prof. Joseph Henry, and inviting the members thereof to be present at the funeral services on Thursday, May 16th.

On motion of Clymer the Senate resolution for the adjournment of the two houses on Thursday at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Prof. Henry was adopted. Adjourned.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, Wednesday, May 15.—Christy, from the committee on revision of the laws, reported back the petition of Robert Ingersoll and others, asking a repeal or modification of certain provisions of the revised statutes forbidding the transportation through the mails of certain matter, pictures, etc., and moved its reference to the committee on judiciary—so ordered.

Ferry, from the committee on postoffices, reported a bill regulating the compensation for the transportation of mails on railroads, providing for the classification of mail matter, and for other purposes. Easta introduced a bill to provide for the establishment of a Brazilian steamship service—referred.

Allison presented a petition of the steamboat owners and pilots of the Mississippi river favoring the passage of a law for the removal of the local tonnage of steamships from Galena to Dubuque—referred. Kirkwood submitted a resolution to print 30,000 extra copies of the message of the President and accompanying papers relating to the assassination of Lincoln—referred.

Kellogg introduced a bill increasing to \$72.00 per month the pension of certain pensioned soldiers who lost both arms or both feet, or the right of both eyes in the service—referred. Morse called up his resolution touching the relations between the United States and Mexico, and spoke at length in favor thereof. The resolution was then referred to the committee on foreign relations, and the Senate went into executive session, after which the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE. The regular order pending the previous question on the resolution offered by Potter on Monday, came up. After some further debate the Speaker put the question by a standing vote, and announced that the ayes appeared to be 119, there being 119 votes in the affirmative. Hale called for a division, and the yeas reported ayes 121, ayes 1. Ories of "no quorum" came from various parts of the hall. Hale moved a call of the House, which was ordered. The call showed that 200 members were present, and further proceedings under the call were dispensed with. After proceedings of a filibustering nature, a motion was made to adjourn, which motion prevailed.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, Thursday, May 16.—Mazzy, from the postoffice committee, reported with amendments the bill for the Brazilian mail service; placed on the calendar. Thurman submitted a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to what discrepancy, if any, exists to the prejudice of Thomas Worthington, a claimant in the reports of the Treasury Auditor; agreed to. The House joint-resolution to print 300,000 copies of the Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture of 1877, and 5,000 copies of Colonial charters and constitutions; passed, after considerable discussion.

Butler, of South Carolina, submitted a concurrent resolution for a commission to reform and reorganize the army, and appropriate \$20,000 for expenses of the commission—referred. The Senate resumed the consideration of the specie resumption repeal bill. Matthews made some remarks and submitted a substitute for the pending bill. It provides for the resumption of specie notes, when redeemed, and that the amount of legal tender notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed \$35,000,000. It further provides for a coin reserve fund of \$100,000,000; the bonds of the United States shall be sold for legal tender notes, and also that legal tender notes shall be receivable for all debts, public and private, except the

principal and interest of the public debt. President Lincoln of the substitute for the bill for the repeal of the resumption act was laid aside. Adjourned.

HOUSE. Potter demanded the regular order, on the seconding of a demand for the previous question. On his resolution a standing vote resulted—yeas 99, nays none. The vote by yeas stood—yeas 99, nays 2. A call of the House showed 247 members present. After some time another call showed 251 present and 29 absent. Potter moved to adjourn. Agreed to—yeas 161, nays 116.

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The contents of the little vault had probably left deeper marks upon the world than all the books written and the sermons preached during the twenty-eight years of the custodian's service.

In passing through the deposit-room all the metal is carefully weighed. The largest scale, with a ponderous beam and huge trays, combines extreme delicacy with its strength, and balances from 6,000 ounces to the one-hundredth part of an ounce; another scale tells 3,000 ounces at a time, and a third tells 300 ounces. They are adjusted several times a week, erected on solid masonry, and are true to a grain. Having been weighed, the silver is carried to the melting-room, where it is mixed with copper, in order to give it sufficient hardness to endure the friction of constant handling, and melted in stone crucibles, heated to 1,800° by charcoal-fires.

This heat is so intense that the workmen must protect their hands and arms by gloves and gauntlets. The stone crucibles are placed within others of plumbago, in order to insure them against breaking. Reduced to a molten fluid, the metal is now poured into iron moulds, whence it emerges in the form of ingots, which are transferred to the rolling-mills, which shape them, by a rapid process of attenuation, into long, narrow strips.—Appleton's Journal for June.

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