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Things Heard in Washington

Charles J. Green, Omaha, Mentioned for United States Senator.

The opening move in what Western members fear will result in a determined raid on the irrigation fund has been made by Representative Slempp, of Virginia. Mr. Slempp asks, in a bill he has just introduced, that \$2,000,000 from the fund be appropriated for the draining of Dismal Swamp in his state. The bill will be fought, tooth and nail, by Nebraska members, reinforced by their colleagues from adjoining states, for the belief prevails that if this bill passes it will loose a flood of similar demands.

Another senatorial boom was let loose on the balmy air at Washington this week. It was launched by friends of Charles J. Greene, of Omaha, who believe he would make a worthy successor to Senator Millard. Of course, Senator Millard has announced his candidacy for a re-

nomination, but Mr. Greene's friends declare their man will be a senator in the near future if not immediately. Mr. Greene, who is a leading lawyer in the Nebraska metropolis, is a veteran of the Civil War, although no one would suspect it from his youthful appearance. He went into the Union army in 1864, when he was a little past fourteen, enlisting from his old home in McHenry county, Illinois. Mr. Green, who is here on business, modestly declines to say anything about his friends' action.

Former Senator John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, appeared before the Commissioners of the District of Columbia this week to protest against the proposed bill to regulate the usury evil. He declared it dangerous.

Secretary Wilson, on the occasion of a visit to the White House this week, declared that the crops in Nebraska and throughout the entire middle west are in excellent condition. He is decidedly optimistic concerning the future, and declares that the chances for a bumper crop of corn are very bright. Even in the usually dry parts of the middle west there are reports of plenty of moisture this year, and altogether the country seems to be fairly launched on another season of plenty.

There are just 1,587 clerks in the different departments of the government more than 65 years old, and of this number 171 are upwards of 75 years. The Civil Service Commission has completed its census of the different departments, and within a few days a report will be made to President Roosevelt regarding the years and efficiency of these clerks. The oldest clerk in the service is 91 years. There is one who is 90; three are 86; four 85, five 84; six 83; twelve 82; fourteen 81; eighteen 80; fifteen 79; twenty-five 78; twenty-three 77; and forty-four 75. Of the entire number 189 hold their positions on account of their war records.

The laurels of J. Adam Bede, as official humorist of the House, were seriously shaken this week when Representative Cushman, of Washington, treated his colleagues on the floor to an hour of uproarious hilarity by picturing his woes during the last Democratic Administration. Even the Democrats were forced to join in the hilarity which the speech—made in answer to the encomiums which John Sharp Williams heaped on his party—aroused. It was indeed a ludicrous and doleful picture he drew when he said:

"My memory harks back to the days when the Democratic party was in full control. There is only one way that I can describe the conditions that then existed, times got just as bad as they possibly could be, and remained that way for a long time, and then they got worse. "It was a most fortunate circumstance for me that in those days of panic and starvation I

lived in the City of Takoma, on the shore of the ocean, because along the sea-shore there is always an abundance of raw clams. Whenever the tide is out the table is set. And if Almighty God had not made that wise and beneficent provision I would never have been able to live through that last Democratic Administration. "And, Sir, I pledge you my word that during the last administration of Grover Cleveland I eat clams, and eat clams, and eat clams, till my stomach rose and fell in harmony with the tides." In the laughter which followed somebody had the temerity to hint that possibly Mr. Williams was not feeling quite so "clamorous" as before Mr. Cushman's speech.

A pretty row has been kicked up by the lack of tact shown by the administration in permitting Father Thomas Sherman, son of the famous Civil War General, to have an escort of Federal Cavalry in the trip he is making through the South to collect data on his father's famous march to the sea. Perhaps there is no more cordially hated Union General than Sherman, because of the ruin that marked the trail of his army. Such hatred is natural, although General Sherman acted only as the rules of war compelled and none at heart more heartily hated warfare than he. But for the United States Government to give a Federal escort to the son of General Sherman was something the South could not understand and there arose a spontaneous and concerted storm of protest. General Duvall, commanding the Department of the Gulf, has been pre-emptorily ordered to halt the escort and let Father Sherman proceed alone to Atlanta.

San Francisco Committee Acknowledgment.

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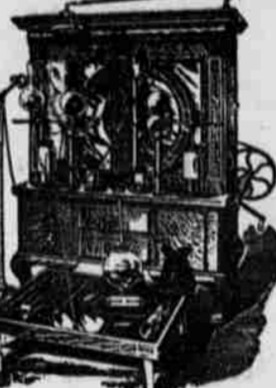
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