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BUTLER LOSES HIS SEAT

Democrats Resolve to Filibuster Until End of Session.

BEGIN OBSTRUCTIVE TACTICS.

House Wastes Three Hours in Approving Journal of the Day Preceding—Plan is Now on to Hold Continuous Session Until March 4.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Amid scenes which recalled the memorable and exciting days of the Fifty-first congress, when party feeling ran fiercely and the hall of representatives resounded with denunciations of the alleged "high-handed methods of the majority," James J. Butler of Missouri was unseated yesterday by the house and George C. R. Wagoner was seated in his place. The Democrats had decided at their caucus yesterday morning that if this case was called up they would prosecute a filibuster from now until March 4, regardless of consequences upon legislation, and they began the fight as soon as the gavel fell at noon. Roll call followed roll call and it took over three hours to approve the journal of Wednesday's proceedings. Then, when the desks were cleared, the case was called. A spirited debate of two hours followed and finally, after repeated roll calls, the case was brought to a vote. The Democrats then attempted to block things by leaving the hall, but enough absentees finally were brought in to make up the necessary quorum. The closing chapter was dramatic. Dabzell, who was in the chair, refused to recognize a demand for division, and Richardson, the minority leader, stood in his place and denounced his course in unmeasured terms, amid the jeers of the Republican side. The handful of Democrats present were overriden roughshod and Wagoner was seated.

The Republican leaders, in deciding to force this case to a vote, did so with a perfect realization of the embarrassment which would follow if the Democrats carried out their filibuster threats, and they have arranged a program to reduce the minority's obstructive power to a minimum as far as the appropriation bills are concerned. This is to be accomplished by a special rule, which has been tentatively prepared, by which all the preliminary parliamentary steps for getting appropriation bills with senate amendments into conference can be cut off. But later in the afternoon Republicans interested in the public building bill threatened to vote against the rule unless it made provision for the bill. This disturbing factor in the situation has not been straightened out. The Republican program also includes a proposition to continue the legislative day of yesterday until noon March 4, in order to obviate the long and tedious work of approving the journal under filibustering tactics. A recess was taken last night until 11 o'clock today and a rule has been prepared which hereafter will give a motion to recess precedence over a motion to adjourn. Under the operation of these drastic measures, it is believed that none of the appropriation bills or other necessary measures will be jeopardized, but the present situation undoubtedly sounds the death knell of many minor measures.

OPPOSE SIDE APPOINTMENTS.

Senators Say They Should Not Be Members of Commissions.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The advisability and legality of the appointment by the president of senators and members on commissions formed the subject of considerable discussion in the senate yesterday. The sundry civil bill was under consideration and Hale, having in mind the amendment which was adopted Wednesday authorizing the appointment of an international monetary commission, started the debate by calling attention to the fact that the senate had reprobated the policy of appointment of senators on commissions and on one occasion had refused to confirm two senators nominated by the president for such service. During the discussion it was made clear that no reflection was intended on Lodge and Turner, who have been selected as members of the Alaskan boundary commission. The bill was passed after a number of amendments had been added to it. The senate went into executive session at 1:40 p. m. and devoted the remainder of the day to the Panama canal treaty. Blackburn during the executive session said that hereafter he would object to any unanimous agreements to vote on measures until he could be assured that a vote could be called on a motion to consider the anti-trust bill. Senator Hale responded by saying that he did not think that position could be maintained, but Senator Blackburn assured him that it would be. Senator Hoar spoke of his desire to bring up the conference report on the bill for the protection of the president and after encountering some opposition, at last moved to go into executive session for the purpose of presenting the report. The motion prevailed—29 to 20. Senator Morgan ceased his speech in opposition to the treaty almost an hour before the opening of the doors. He was not well and was excused on that account.

Senator Burrows, chairman of the senate committee on privileges and elections, presented to the senate a protest signed by Rev. J. L. Lellich on the case of Senator-elect Reed Smoot of Utah, urging that Mr. Smoot shall not be permitted to take his seat in the senate.

When it comes to a thorough cornering of all the get-rich-quick people, John D. Rockefeller and J. Pierpont Morgan will certainly not escape. The press north of the Platte is unanimous in demanding that the Norfolk asylum shall be rebuilt. It looks as though a lever as strong as that ought to be sufficient to pry up the necessary appropriation for the work.—Creighton Courier.

It is now announced that an American doctor has discovered a successful treatment of leprosy. His experiments were conducted in the leper settlement at Canton, China, and three persons have been completely cured. It is a wonderful achievement. Now if the doctors could but successfully combat tuberculosis, most of the dreaded diseases would be under their control.

We cannot see any just reason why the Norfolk asylum should not be rebuilt. The state cannot afford to allow so much valuable salvage to go to waste, and the needs of the state call for the maintenance of the Norfolk asylum, both on the score of economy and convenience. It is one of the few state institutions established in the northeast part of the state, and now an efficient waterworks system has been built near it, there is no necessity to add to other institutions and waste so much of the state's money in devising new building schemes.—Rushville Recorder.

Representative De Armond of Missouri is as unready an expansionist. He has introduced a current resolution in congress authorizing the president to ascertain on what terms England will consent to part with Canada for the purpose of annexation to this country. It is a dream that many Americans have entertained for years of some day adding Canada to the territory over which the United States will have authority, but the Missouri congressman is original in his efforts to bring it to pass. If England were less satisfied with Canada and the people of Canada had fault to find with the manner in which they have been governed by the mother country, the United States would be much more likely to obtain a favorable proposition looking toward annexation. It would be a fine stroke to have this country expanded to include the whole of North America except the small portion occupied by the Mexican republic and even that might be absorbed when the proper time arrived. Then we could show the world an empire that would be supreme among them all—and it is perhaps this thought that would intrude between negotiations with England for Canada.

The Governors of Nebraska.

The current publication of the terms of office served by the governors of Nebraska since it was admitted into the union presents a record that is worth preserving for its historic value. We give it as follows:

- David Butler, 1868-71.
William H. James, 1871-72.
Robert W. Furnas, 1872-74.
Silas Garber, 1874-78.
Albinus Nance, 1878-82.
James W. Dawes, 1882-86.
John M. Thayer, 1886-90.
James E. Boyd, 1890-92.
Lorenzo Crouse, 1892-94.
Silas A. Holcomb, 1894-98.
W. A. Poynter, 1898-1900.
Charles H. Dietrich, part of 1901.
Eza P. Savage, 1901-02.
J. H. Mickey, 1903.

One highly interesting feature of this gubernatorial exhibit is the longevity of the governors of this state. Here is a list of fourteen, reaching back thirty-seven years. Of these fourteen twelve are still living—and ready to hold office at the drop of the hat. Only the first two, Butler and James, have gone beyond. For a period of thirty-one years death has not claimed a governor of Nebraska. None have encountered the keen edge of Father Time's sickle. May their years in the land be many.

Ponce de Leon searched in vain for the fountain of eternal youth. He did not find it, because Nebraska was then a unidentified part of the unknown west. It had not yet been carved out of the Louisiana purchase and been made a political sub-division where men might become governors and live happy ever after. It is little wonder that, viewing the record, there are many who seek the glory and perpetual youth of the executive chair. Some there are who have died trying to get into it, but only two of the whole number who succeeded in reaching it. Long may the governors of Nebraska wave.—Fremont Tribune.

Mr. McNutt's Speech. Among the famous men of Vicksburg before the war, one of the most prominent was a Mr. McNutt. Two qualities marked him out as an individual type. The first was his personal cowardice. Still more individual was his power of setting aside in his own favor those prejudices of the public mind which would have crushed any other man. He was at one time a candidate for United States senator. The opposing candidate was General Quitman. In a speech McNutt said: "Fellow citizens, I understand that General Quitman is now in the eastern counties reviewing his militia, and that he says when he meets me he intends to whip me. Now I tell him at this faroff distance that if he whips me it will be because he can outrun me, for I have a great horror for the barbarous practice of personal violence."

Such a speech from any other man would have won him the contempt of his listeners, but it was McNutt, and people laughed and applauded.—"Recollections of Mississippi."

Indians and Citizenship.

Indians who maintain their tribal relations are not permitted to vote in any state. They are not citizens of the United States, but merely "wards of the nation." In all the states, we believe, an Indian who has severed his tribal relations and become a citizen and a taxpayer has a right to vote on an equality with the whites. In the matter of voting the fifteenth amendment to the constitution prohibits the states from making any discrimination on account of race or color. Our naturalization laws, for instance, do not admit Chinamen to naturalization, but the supreme court has decided that a Chinaman born here is as much a citizen as are the descendants of those who came over with John Smith to Jamestown or with the pilgrim fathers to Plymouth rock. And the Indian ought to have better rights here than the Chinaman.—St. Louis Republic.

Training Russian Policemen.

There is a policeman's college in St. Petersburg to train applicants for the force. There is a museum combined with the school where the pupils make themselves familiar with the tools of criminals—jimmies, drills, chisels and contrivances for robbing collection boxes, a special field of Russian thieves. The Russian passport system is studied in detail. The duties of the dvorniks, a sort of assistant police, are taught. They keep watch on the residences, report on the habits of tenants, their visitors, examine the papers of newcomers and direct them to report themselves at the police station. The members of such a clever and complicated system need careful instruction.

A Curiosity of Sound.

If when riding in a balloon, at a height, say, of 2,000 feet, a charge of gunpowder be fired electrically 100 feet below the car, the report, though really as loud as a cannon, sounds no more than a mere pistol shot, possibly partly owing to the greater rarity of the air, but chiefly because the sound, having no background to reflect it, simply spends itself in the air. Then, always and under all conditions of atmosphere soever, there ensues absolute silence until the time for the echo back from earth has fully elapsed, when a deafening outburst of thunder rises from below, rolling on often for more than half a minute.

Why He Didn't Call.

You don't call on Miss Cutting any more, I hear, Blobber? "No." "Did she reject you?" "Not exactly, but when I first began calling there was a mat at the door with the word 'Welcome' woven in it, and a motto on the wall that read 'Let Us Love One Another.' Later I noticed that the doormat was changed for one that said 'Wipe Your Feet,' and a motto declaring that 'Early to Bed and Early to Rise Make a Man Healthy, Wealthy and Wise' had the place of the other."

Qualified Praise.

Nate Salisbury and Bill Nye were great friends. When the humorist first engaged in newspaper work in New York city and took a house on Staten Island, the showman went to dinner with him. Nye exploded some new stories, and Salisbury, turning to his host's little girl, said: "Very clever papa you've got, my dear." "Yes," responded the demure little miss, "when there's company."

Impertinence.

Mr. Todgers—Why have you sent Maria, the servant girl, away so suddenly? You told me yesterday that she was the best girl you ever had. Mrs. Todgers—She's an impertinent hussy. I wanted to borrow her goshaws, and she said she was afraid I couldn't get them on!

At a Boarding House.

Stout Man (whose appetite has been the envy of his fellow boarders)—I declare I have three buttons off my vest. Mistress of the House (who has been aching to give him a hint)—You will probably find them in the dining room, sir.

No Doubts About It.

"How do you know it is rheumatism?" asked his friend. "You haven't seen a doctor." "I know what it is, all right," replied the victim. "Rheumatism is one of these things that don't need an introduction."

A Freak Giant.

Manager of Show—Have I got a vacancy for a giant? Why, you don't look five feet! Candidate—Yes, that's just it. I'm the smallest giant on record.

Luncheon in Honor of Francis. London, Feb. 27.—Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, yesterday gave a luncheon in honor of ex-Governor David R. Francis, president of the St. Louis exposition, at Lansdowne house, Berkeley square, this city.

There Are Others.

Old Emdee—Well, how do you like your profession? Young Emdee—Profession is O. K. It's the practice I'm kicking about.—Town and Country.

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