

XLVII. CONGRESS.

The Senate Already Proceeding in Its Sedate Course.

Keifer Elected Speaker of the House by the Full Party Vote.

All the Other Republican Nominations Successfully Placed in Position.

The Message to be Delivered to Congress at Noon To-day.

Miscellaneous Notes from the National Capital.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., December 5.—At the opening of the senate was not as full as usual, but filled up soon after by the overflow from the house. The senate was called to order at 12 o'clock. Senator Windom's credentials were presented and he was sworn in.

The usual committees to notify the house and the president were appointed. A large number of bills, mainly those which failed in the last congress, were introduced and laid on the table to be referred when the committees are appointed.

At 1:10 p. m. the senate took a recess until 2:30.

The most interesting and only incident of political interest in the proceedings was during the three minutes the senate was in session after recess.

Edmunds offered resolutions reviewing and continuing the committees as they existed at the close of the last session, and asked that they lie over until the rules.

Pugh was ready with another resolution intended as a substitute, leaving it to be decided by the president pro tem. whether the committees should be equally divided between the two parties, and if he so decided them to designate which of the committees shall be constituted with a majority of members democrats, and which, with a majority of republicans, and that the senate proceed to the election of committees on the basis in the usual way.

Edmunds made a point of order that this resolution was not in accordance with the rules of the senate.

Without decision, both resolutions and the point of order went over until to-morrow and the senate adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

The house proceeded to organize by the election of officers. Mr. Keifer was elected speaker, the ballot being as follows: Whole number cast 285, necessary to a choice 143, of which Keifer received 148, Randall 129, Ford 8.

Mr. Kelly, senior member, administered the oath.

Mr. Keifer, on taking the chair, returned the usual thanks. He said that neither party had a majority in either house over all others, a thing which had not existed since the period before Lincoln's first term. There had not been during the interval so few vital questions of national importance left undecided to draw party lines upon as now. In purely party matters he would always be found a republican; in all others, impartial. As the prosperity at present was a greater than ever before in the country, he hoped the present congress would be a purely business congress.

Objection was made to the swearing in of Messrs. Wheeler from Alabama, Van Voorhis and Wadsworth from New York, and Chalmers from Mississippi. The first and last named were by rule of the chair made to stand aside temporarily and the swearing in of the other members was proceeded with. Nearly two hours were consumed in swearing in members.

One of the most interesting features was the relation of Mr. Brazz (of Wisconsin) to Moore's (of Tennessee), objection to Chalmers (of Mississippi) being sworn, imitating Moore's pompous manner.

Mr. Brazz appealed in the name of humanity to the great American people and to the memory of his defeated friend, Casey Young, against the present swearing in of Mr. Moore.

Finally, however, these cases were all disposed of and all members except Seales, of North Carolina; Morse, of Massachusetts; and Duester; of Wisconsin, who were absent, were sworn in.

The house proceeded to the completion of its organization by the election of clerk Mr. Kasson nominated Mr. Edward McPherson, of Pennsylvania; Mr. House nominated Hon. George M. Adams, ex-clerk; Mr. Murch nominated Hon. Gilbert DeLaMatry, of Indiana. The ballot was as follows: Whole number of votes, 286; necessary for a choice, 144, of which McPherson received 148, Adams 129, and DeLaMatry 9. Mr. McPherson was then sworn in. Errett and Bingham, of Pennsylvania, did not vote.

George Hooker of Vermont, John F. Thompson of Ohio, and Leo Caudan of the District of Columbia were nominated for sergeant-at-arms. Walter P. Brownlow of Tennessee, Chas. W. Field of Georgia, H. B. Williams of Missouri, and H. Sherwood of Michigan, for doorkeepers; O. W. C. Knowlin of Florida, and W. C. Moore of Pennsylvania, for postmaster.

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The following nominations for chaplains were made: Rev. E. D. Power of the District of Columbia, by Mr.

Robeson; Rev. W. P. Parson of Georgia, by Mr. House; Rev. P. B. Ingalls of Iowa, by Mr. Murch. Mr. Power was elected.

The speaker appointed Messrs. Hiscock, Orth and Egan to inform the president that the house was now in session, and would receive any communication he might make. The house, at 5:20, adjourned. The president's message will, of course, be presented to both houses to-morrow.

CAPITAL NOTES.

MOVED INTO THE WHITE HOUSE. WASHINGTON, December 5.—The president will remove from the Grey house to the White House to-day. The White House is in very good condition for his reception, save that an odor of paint prevails and some minor arrangements are as yet incomplete.

EMPLOYED FOR HALF A CENTURY. The honorable assistant doorkeeper of the senate, Captain Isaac Bassett, completed his fiftieth year of service in the senate to-day, having entered the service as a page on the recommendation of Daniel Webster, from Massachusetts, on December 5, 1831.

There were six senators who did not occupy their seats to-day: Messrs. Groome, Hampton, Jones (Nevada), McMillan, Van Wyck and Williams.

PAY FOR DAYS LOST. The question having been submitted to Comptroller Lawrence, of the treasury, as to whether employees in the government printing offices should be paid for time lost while the departments were closed on account of the death of President Garfield, he rendered a decision to-day in effect that they were entitled to pay for the time in which the departments were closed by order of the public printer, but not on the day of the funeral appointed by the president to be observed as a day of mourning and humiliation.

AFTER THE PERJURATIONS. All indications now point to a vigorous onslaught by southern republicans on the postoffices throughout the south. Many of these offices are now filled by democrats and lukewarm republicans. A move in this direction has already been made by Senator Kellogg, of Louisiana, at whose request a list has been prepared of employees of the postoffice department, showing the compensation they receive and the states they hail from.

An effort will be made to have the offices of this department and all other departments of the government apportioned out by states, and thus secure fair representation of southern republicans to office. This programme has received an impetus by the success of the southern republicans in electing Brownlow as doorkeeper of the house.

COMMITTEE RUMORS. It is confidently asserted to-night that the senate committees will remain unchanged, and that Kelly will have the ways and means chairmanship in the house, Kasson foreign affairs and Hiscock privileges and elections.

Special Dispatch to the Bee.

STERLING, Colo., December 5.—M. J. King, a druggist of this place, was found dead in his store here this morning. He and Frank Marshall, a carpenter, who had been bawling together, went to dinner about noon. King was feeling apparently well, but seemed sleepy, and said he would lie down. Marshall left him and went to work. Returning about 5 o'clock, he found King on the floor. He seemed somewhat sleepy, but was conscious and would not talk. Marshall went for assistance and took King to his store, and put him to bed, supposing him to be under the influence of liquor. They returned about 8 o'clock and found him dead. He is supposed by some to have died under the influence of some drug.

Failures. NEW YORK, December 5.—Isaac Farwell & Co., manufacturers of sewing silk, this city and Boston, have presented a statement at a meeting of creditors held in Boston, showing their liabilities to be \$40,688, and the nominal assets \$54,911. No settlement was effected at the meeting.

The New York creditors of Grain, Rising & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, Boston, have received notice of the failure of the firm. Liabilities, upwards of \$200,000; assets—machinery and outstanding accounts—value unknown.

Dispatches received this afternoon announce the failure of Little & Moulton, manufacturers of boots and shoes, Georgetown, Mass. The liabilities are reported very large, but no estimate has been received.

Baltimore dispatches state O. H. Manko & Co., manufacturers of boots and shoes, have made an assignment. Liabilities, \$70,000.

Canada Kicking. TORONTO, Ont., December 5.—It has been announced that the Canadian Pacific railway syndicate had secured control of the Credit Valley railroad, which has obtained the running powers of the Great Western railway. It causes considerable talk here. The syndicate are also reported to have secured and consolidated every important line in Ontario, except the Grand Trunk, thus reducing the Canadian railway system to two lines. There is a great outcry in railway circles as it is feared the syndicate's immense resources will enable them to compel the Grand Trunk to amalgamate, thus placing the Dominion in the power of a giant monopoly.

The Cotton Producers. ATLANTA, Ga., December 5.—This city is filled with distinguished men who come to attend the exercises of the planters' and manufacturers' week at the exposition.

THE COMICAL CUSS.

Keeping Himself and the Spectators on the Grin.

Yesterday an Amusing Day in the Amusing Trial of the Assassin.

Guiteau Prefers to be Hanged as a Man Than to be Considered a Fool.

A Suggestion to the President Regarding Reconstruction of His Cabinet.

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court. He expected Clifford, of Chicago, to be present to-morrow. There were only two or three more witnesses for the defense.

Prisoner—I want General Grant and Senator Conkling and other prominent men who were engaged in politics last spring to come here. I don't care for Scoville's opinion. I know what I am about, and I would like your honor to subpoena these men. I want to tell about the political situation. It is very important for me to show this fact, and I want these men subpoenaed, and I claim I was on friendly relations with all the prominent men of the republican party.

The removal of President Garfield was owing to the political situation. [Pounding on the table and shouting] It is important that the facts should come out. Scoville is a good man, but he has a narrow view of the case. He is a good lawyer, but a poor politician.

Scoville thought Arthur would be sufficient for the purposes of the defense.

Prisoner—Oh, no, I want Grant, Conkling, Platt and others who were interested in the politics of the time. I want your honor to sign an order subpoenaing these men. I want Storrs, of Chicago, here, also. I consider him one of the most brilliant men of the bar. He has the true theory of the business, and he doesn't take any stock in the idea that I am a fool. Storrs says I am the ablest lawyer in this case, and I do not quarrel with him for his opinion [laughter], and I want to say right here that I would be pleased if Arthur would recognize Storrs' abilities and make him attorney general. I make this announcement publicly. I am not looking for any favors, and I think it would be an honor to Arthur if he would make Emory Storrs attorney general.

Extracts from Guiteau's book, "Truth," were read by Scoville, and court adjourned until 10 a. m. to-morrow.

ANOTHER ANIMAL FOR THE MENAGERIE. Prof. J. W. Shively, of Saratoga Springs, New York, was arrested this morning on the charge of being a crank. He claimed to be the great Messiah to come here, and said, for the purpose of casting out the devil from Guiteau.

SARATOGA, December 5.—Prof. J. W. Shively, of Saratoga, the great Messiah crank, arrested at Washington, D. C., to-day, is believed to be Jonathan W. Shively, of 136 Beekman street, this place. He is shown in the directory as a photographer, but his wife says he is an oil painter. While the family makes it permanent residence here, he travels from place to place in the pursuit of his profession. Mrs. Shively says she left home in September and the last she heard from him he was in the west and she expected a letter from him from Chicago or Cincinnati. She said that a number of years ago he suffered severely with neuralgia and at times when excited would conduct himself in a peculiar but harmless manner. These periods would recur two or three days, after which he would become perfectly rational. About a month ago, in Cleveland, he sustained an accident by which his head was injured, and she fears this may have caused temporary aberration or insanity. Mrs. Shively did not know her husband intended visiting Washington. He is a son of a clergyman, and born in Jackson county, Virginia. Mrs. Shively is a native of Alexandria, in that state. She is considerably alarmed about him. The Shively family have resided here for upwards of ten years, but within a year or two passed the winters in the south.

Marine News. NEW YORK Associated Press.

NEW YORK, December 5.—Arrived—The Wausland from Antwerp, the Italy from Liverpool, the Saratoga from Havana.

ANTWERP, December 5.—Sailed—On the 3rd, the Belgeland for New York.

HAMBURG, December 5.—Arrived—The Bohemian, from New York.

HAVE, December 5.—Arrived—The Cullida, from New York. Sailed—On the 3rd, the America, for New York.

PLMOUTH, December 5.—Arrived—The Gibraltar from New York, for Hamburg.

LIVERPOOL, December 5.—Arrived—The Saratoga from Boston, the Texas from Montreal, the Spain and the Germany from New York. Sailed—On the 3rd, the Alaska, for New York, direct.

QUEENSTOWN, December 5.—Sailed—On the 4th, the Scotia, for New York.

LONDON, December 5.—Sailed—The State of Georgia, for New York.

GLASGOW, December 5.—Arrived—The State of Pennsylvania, from New York.

LONDON, December 5.—Sailed—On the 3rd, the Egyptian Monarch, for New York.

QUEENSTOWN, December 5.—The German steamer Albatross, has put into this port with her shaft broken.

The Virginia Legislature. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

RICHMOND, December 5.—The legislature will assemble next Wednesday. Nearly all the readjuster members arrived to-day, but very few of the democrats have put in an appearance, and those who are here do not seem to take any interest in the situation. The readjusters hold their caucus to-morrow night to nominate a candidate for speaker of the house, and a candidate for United States senator. There is no opposition to Fowler, of the Bristol News, but Riddleberger and Massey also have large backing for the senate. A large number of senators from the southwest are avowed Masseyites, but it is generally conceded by disinterested persons that Mahone's choice (Riddleberger) will be elected. As the readjusters expressed it to-night, Mahone's organization will beat Massey's popularity.

SKINNING A BUCKEYE.

An Ohio Editor Who Saw the Royal Bengal, Price \$1,000.

The Brutal Murder Committed by a Georgia "Trusty" Yesterday.

Being Unable to Meet Expenses, a Chicago Man Diminishes his Family.

The Day's Collection for Crimes, Casualties and Fires.

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SARATOGA, N. Y., December 5.—The Milton Centre tannery, owned by Samuel Haight, of Ballston, was burned last night. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$60,000. One hundred and fifty hands are thrown out of employment.

ATLANTA, Ga., December 5.—Two heavy fires occurred to-day—one at Flowers Branch, a small town on the Air Line railroad, by which half the place was destroyed; the other was a very heavy fire at Marietta, destroying business houses to the amount of \$80,000.

CINCINNATI, December 5.—A special says the machine shops of the Tennessee penitentiary burned this evening. Loss, \$20,000. There was great consternation among the 744 convicts, many of whom escaped.

The Pacific Coast. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 5.—The city officials elect take their seats to-day. There will be several contents on account of officials not filing their bonds in the time required by law, principally for the offices of sheriff, tax collector and treasurer.

The French consular agent at Los Angeles entertained the French visitors in a royal way. They leave for the east to-day.

The new board of supervisors marched into the court room this morning and took their seats forcibly and elected John A. Smith and J. B. J. Davis fire commissioners. While the new board was voting the old board was holding a caucus in a committee room. Shortly after they entered the chamber and finding the new board in session took seats on the side. After the new board adjourned the old one took the desks but the clerk took away the books and put them under lock and key. The sergeant-at-arms refused to let the board then adjourned to this evening after declaring the position of clerk and sergeant-at-arms vacant and filling the vacancies.

Demond, the sheriff, retired quietly with the rest of municipal officers.

Another Go-As-You-Please. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CHICAGO, December 5.—The twenty-six hours go-as-you-please pedestrian match for \$1,000 a side, between Charles Rowell, of England, and John Dobbler, of Chicago, commenced at 9 o'clock this evening at McCormick's hall. The men were in good condition and kept neck and neck for the first ten miles, which were made in one hour, twelve minutes and ten seconds. Betting is five to four on Rowell.

At the end of the 15th mile Dobbler claimed he had been injured by a drunken man who came on the course. He retired for a few minutes, and finally at 12:30 Rowell completed the 25th mile at 12:15. The 26th mile was finished in 2 hours, 38 minutes and 42 seconds by neck and neck. Rowell will now win easily.

Blair Items. BLAIR, December 5.—District Court is in session here this week, Judge Savage presiding with his usual dispatch and efficiency. Very little criminal business at this term. The grand jury found two indictments against Sutton, one for burglary and one for shooting at an officer. He pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary and was sentenced to a five year's term by the judge. Several important trials are being tried and a number of non-resident attorneys are here.

Donovan's Tennesseeans sang here last night to an audience of about four hundred people.

Last Saturday Jake Koppell, of the Kennel house, and Wallace Flinn, of the city hotel, had quite an altercation at the depot, in regard to getting on to the trains for passengers. Koppell assaulted Flinn by hitting him in the mouth, whereupon Flinn struck Koppell over the head with a piece of iron, inflicting a very serious wound. Koppell was fined and Flinn bound over to await the action of the grand jury, but that body failed to find a bill against him.

Trainmaster A. T. Potter's headquarters are now at Norfolk, where he spends the most of his time. Mr. Potter has made many friends here, and the people of Blair are sorry to lose him as a resident.

The Pilot of this week notices our communication in THE BEE in rather a rough-shod manner, stating that by signing ourselves as "H," we are trying to lead the people hereabouts to believe that H. Clark is the correspondent, and speaks of our indifferent communication and lack of learning, etc. In our occasional short and hasty written communications we have undertaken to give the news in a general and brief manner, without coloring either side. As to trying to lead the people to believe that Mr. Clark is the correspondent we have to say that nothing of the kind was our intention and we are somewhat surprised that The Pilot should be disposed to notice our indifferent communication. We will say further that if we were permitted to give our view of the cause of THE Pilot's noticing our communication it would greatly relieve us and give us an immense amount of satisfaction, but knowing that as a correspondent we would not be permitted to take up the space of THE BEE in this way, we will close, hoping in the future that our communications will not attract the attention of The Pilot in such a glaring manner.

HIX.

Indications. NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, December 6.—For the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Partly cloudy weather, local rains, south veering to west winds, stationary or higher temperature, followed by rising barometer.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Discouraging Features of the Irish Troubles.

A British Ship Whipped by a Slaver Manned by Arabs.

The Marquis of Lorne Denies the Report That He is Not Coming Back.

The French Prohibition of American Pork to be Conditionally Rescinded.

Miscellaneous Intelligence Via the Cable.

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TIM IRISH SITUATION. DUBLIN, December 5.—It is generally believed here that the present crisis is the most important of the whole land movement, for the people have clinched with the government and have thus far successfully resisted all the strength of coercion. It is a startling fact that two-thirds of the rents are not being paid and that the tenants have no intention of paying them, without a heavy reduction, which landlords refuse. The land courts are so slow that the act yet is no remedy whatever for the trouble. The government did not expect this delay, believing that after a few decisions the landlords and tenants would settle it between themselves. The actual significance of the situation is this: The government has employed the force demanded by the landlords and the conciliation demanded by the liberals and both have thus far failed. The people did not wonder at the strength of the land league while permitted to have its own way, but now that force has been used the disorder continues and the country is experiencing a "reign of terror."

FIGHT WITH A SLAYER. LONDON, December 5.—A dispatch from Zanzibar, on the east coast of Africa, says: On Saturday last Captain Browning, of her majesty's ship London, approached a slave dhow flying the French colors. He fired a gun across her bow to compel her to surrender. The dhow allowed the London to draw near, and on her coming to close quarters opened fire on her. The dhow was manned by an Arab crew, who were armed with rifles. Their fire killed Captain Browning and three of his sailors, and in the confusion that followed the dhow put up her helm, veered around, and escaped out to sea.

The Marquis of Lorne authorized the coal auction of the report that he does not intend to return and resume his duties early in the spring. He will positively return accompanied by Princess Louise.

A dispatch from Dunbar says the Transvaal