

**THE KNAVES ON DECK.**

Thurston, Nance, Laird and Dawes  
Boxing the Political Pack.

The Work of the Extra Session  
Definitely Laid Out by  
the Managers.

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to the Rear-The Military  
to the Front.

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the Custodian's Accounts.

**A HULL SHOW.**

Correspondence of the Bee.  
LINCOLN, April 28.—The sensation of the hour at Lincoln just now is the investigation at present being made into the management of the government building under the custodianship of D. G. Hull, who was deposed some time ago. Two special agents—Messrs. Swords and Douglas—from the United States sub-treasury at Chicago have been here for two or three days past looking over Mr. Hull's accounts, and have so far completed their work that a tolerably accurate statement may be made concerning it. Charges have been currently made here for a long time that there was a good deal of crookedness in connection with Mr. Hull's management of his office, but no particular attention was paid to them until the present investigation began. It is generally supposed here that the present

**POSTOPIAN AUTHORITIES**  
are responsible for the presence of the treasury officials here, as charges had been preferred against Hull, and are now on file at the department. The complaints that are made against him are that he has compelled employees to divide their wages with him, and has pursued a systematic course of returning fraudulent vouchers for material purchased for the government building. A large number of merchants and others have been called upon to testify before the examining officers, and a great deal of important testimony adduced to show that a serious state of things exists. The course pursued by Mr. Hull is said to have been as follows: He would go to a store in town and buy some material; then would ask the merchant to accommodate him by signing a voucher for a

**MUCH LARGER AMOUNT**  
than his bill called for, on the plea that he wished to buy other goods elsewhere, and did not care to multiply his accounts. In other cases he would ask the merchant to step out and buy goods for him at other stores, and have him sign a voucher in blanks for the two bills, filling in the amounts to suit himself. R. D. Stearns, a young lawyer here, is also stated to be mixed up in the matter, he having had a contract for furnishing the building. Both Hull and Stearns have left town, but it is not supposed that they have gone away on account of this exposure. Among other testimony adduced before the investigators, A. M. Davis testified that the sum of \$25 was paid for putting down carpets, where the voucher called for about \$150. Louis Meyer stated that a bill of goods, amounting to about \$30, was bought from him, and the voucher called for \$125. D. & C. L. Baum, Ed. Church, Jansen Bros., and others gave similar evidence.

A Swede, named Hansen, who had been employed as fireman in the government building, says that Hull paid him \$50 per month and made him sign a voucher for \$62. Mr. Hull and his friends complain bitterly about the ex parte method of the investigation, saying that he is not allowed to be present at the taking of testimony nor given the privilege of refuting the witnesses. It looks as though this was the case, but the evidence thus far adduced is certainly prima facie evidence of gross malfeasance. The treasury officials have promised me an interview this afternoon, and I may gain something more from them. They telegraphed for Mr. G. M. Lamberton, the district attorney, to come down, and he did so; but after reviewing the evidence in their possession refused to arrest Hull, very properly holding that the United States court was about to meet, and he could be satisfactorily examined then if necessary.

The supreme court is in session and is disposing of a large number of cases.

Harry Stout, the chief actor in the recent shooting match in this city, was married last night to Miss Bailey, the young lady who was with him at the time Hitchcock was shot.

A petition has been received by the governor asking for the pardon of P. H. Garrison, the sewing machine agent, sent down from Douglas County on the charge of forgery. ARGUS.

**THE EXTRA SESSION.**

Correspondence of the Omaha Bee.  
LINCOLN, Neb., April 29.—Regarding the coming session of the legislature, there are a number of interesting pieces of gossip which will shortly be recorded in these communications. A careful observer cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that it was nothing but the universal popular pressure brought to bear upon him that induced Governor Nance to call that body together at all. It may be remembered as a somewhat striking coincidence that on a certain day, some two weeks since, both The Republican and The Herald of your city came out simultaneously with lengthy editorials demanding that the legislature be called at once, and in a very few days thereafter the call was issued. So startling was this coincidence that it has

**ALL THE APPEARANCE**  
of a put up job, and there seems to be no reason for doubting that when it was found how overwhelming the sentiment was in favor of such a gathering of the legislature, the Omaha

railroad papers were purposely stirred up to make a great clamor on the subject, and Nance dutifully bowed his head in acquiescence to their demands. But notwithstanding the fact that a special session has been called, it does not follow that the state will be restricted. It is broadly hinted by some of the governor's quasi friends here that the only idea he had in calling the legislature together was that it might become involved in an indefinite squabble over the reapportionment matter, and finally be disgraced in disgust. In this manner he would expect

**TO SAVE HIMSELF**

from the pressure of public opinion and at the same time fail to accomplish the item which he is supposed to be so particularly hostile to. It is understood that Thurston, Dawes and Laird are heartily in favor of such a course being taken if it can be successfully accomplished, as it would then enable them to carry out the original scheme of throwing the bulk of the power into the hands of the state central committee. There is every reason to suppose that a large amount of bad blood.

**WILL BE EXHIBITED**

during the session by the more active participants in this scheme, in order to facilitate operations for the governor. A lively fight over the militia appropriation bill is sure to arise, as the items therein will amount to a very respectable total by the time they are fanned up; and a lengthy discussion of this matter will only complicate the apportionment plans.

It is stated that Speaker Shedd and Lieutenant Governor Carmi have agreed to dispense with the services of all committee clerks during the extra session.

Gossip over the Hull case still continues unchecked. The treasury agents left for Chicago to-day, but will return next week to continue the investigation. I interviewed one of them last night, but found him very

**WARE AND NON-COMMITAL**

"There is one thing you may say, however," he remarked, "so far as our researches have gone I have not found anything yet that would justify us in reporting Mr. Hull as guilty of misappropriation. There is abundant evidence of gross irregularities in the conduct of his office, but that is a much more case prepared to charge."

"Mr. Hull is not under restraint then?"

"Not the slightest. He can go and come at his volition. In fact, we have no authority to order his arrest unless matters grow very much more serious."

"Who formulated the charges against him on which this investigation is based?"

"That I cannot tell you. The charges are on file in the department, however, and are there open for inspection."

"Mr. Hull and his friends claim that this is a sort of star-chamber affair, and that he is not given the privilege of knowing what testimony is given against him. Is that so?"

"You must remember that Mr. Hull is not on trial now. If you were my agent and were accused of misusing my funds, I would not go to you and ask you if it were so, but would inspect your accounts and those of the men you dealt with in my name. That is precisely

**WHAT WE ARE DOING.**

We have all of Mr. Hull's vouchers here from Washington. We then call in the various tradesmen and ask them to show their books, and in that way get at the discrepancies. Mr. Hull will have a chance to make all the explanations he wants, and the facts and the explanations will be furnished together to the department. If the authorities then see fit to prosecute, the case will come before the United States grand jury and he can defend himself ad litem."

Hull is now in Omaha, but is expected back Monday.

The supreme court has adjourned until the 20th of June. ANGUS.

**DOWN SOUTH.**

The Paris of America—Personal Notes  
From Beaver Overcoats to Straw Hats.

Dear Free Press.

I laid over one day in Cincinnati to see the Paris of America. I have never visited the Paris of France, and now there is no need of it. I can see just how it is—narrow tie, cobblestone pavements, clay mud, dingy buildings, horrible cross-walks, up hills, down hills, side hills and all the other hills which cities are heir to.

If you ever meet a man who steps high, or who seems to have one short leg, set him down as a resident of Cincinnati. Half the population of Porkopolis are engaged half their lives in trying to preserve their equilibrium. The postoffice is on a side hill, all the banks are on an incline, and when you think you are entering the basement of a wholesale clothing house you suddenly discover that you are on the first floor of the saloon next door.

Everybody in Cincinnati walks on the side of his feet. He has got to do it or go over. One shoemaker told me that he kept five cobblers steadily engaged in putting "lifts" on boot heels. There is once in a while a level block, but the stores must be rented at very low figures. The "toms" run to side-hill.

**WRESTLING WITH THE BOYS.**

I went over to see the boys on the Enquirer, and they made me at home. Every one of them asked me to dinner, and one of the staff who lived six miles away was thoroughly grieved because I wouldn't run out and have a bite with him and see his garden. Every writer on the Enquirer is running to garden this year, and most of them have seven different sorts of vegetables growing. The city editor has a "path" eighteen feet long by twelve wide surrounded on three sides by buildings. He spent \$27 on it this spring, but as an offset to the expense he assured me that working in the soil cured him of liver complaint, restored his hair to its natural color, and entirely broke him off the habit of going to sleep in church.

The boys on the Commercial and Gazette are awfully good. They began with the oldest man on the staff to ask me to supper, and had I remained in Cincinnati twenty-one days it would not have exhausted the list. The Commercial and Gazette men don't run to garden at all. On the first the boys turn more to pomology and on the last they believe that they

ing machines will yet supersede railway trains.

**TWO STRANGE MEN.**

That the Cincinnati Southern road means to make itself popular with the traveling public is evident from its choice of men to fill certain positions. The general passenger agent of a railroad is a man always heard of and seldom or never seen. In most cases he is a bear. He doesn't care three cents whether he makes friends of enemies. Mr. E. P. Wilson, of the Southern, is neither an autocrat nor a bear. He is accessible to all, has a welcome for all, and is a thorough gentleman. He is managing his department as a merchant would manage a trade he desired to build up, and his policy must certainly make friends for the road.

Ross Campbell is the general traveling agent of the road, and is another just such man. Every inquirer is treated courteously, and every effort is made to secure friends. He is soon to publish a new pamphlet descriptive of the route, and containing \$500 worth of choice cuts representing the best views. He is not only a prince among general traveling agents, but has a literary turn which will advertise the road all over the world.

**FROM C. TO C.**

No one could expect that the scenery along the route from Cincinnati to Chattanooga would equal that on the Baltimore & Ohio, or the Union Pacific, but nevertheless it is grand and picturesque in the full sense of the term. It is not mountain after mountain and gulch after gulch, but an ever-changing panorama of surprises. Here the track follows a beautiful valley for three or four miles—then turns a mountain—over a chasm through a gulch—out into a level of meadow and orchard—into a grand forest—and so on for the entire distance. It annoys the passenger to realize that he can't see both sides of the track at once. There is not a day-light ride in America furnishing more romance and sentiment than this. The road-bed is smooth, the cars new, the officials pleasant, and what you eat is clean and well cooked.

**A GREAT CHANGE.**

One leaving Detroit Tuesday night saw that the willows were just taking on a faint green. Around Cincinnati the apple trees were in blossom. Here the groves and forests are grand in their summer dress, many vegetation are fit for the table, and wheat stands almost high. The boys are barefooted, straw hats rule the day, and the weather is just what Michigan will get in June. One can leave Detroit at 8 o'clock p. m. and reach Chattanooga at 10 p. m. the next evening, and the fare is very reasonable for the distance.

**CHATTANOOGA.**

It is a wonder that more Detroiters don't come this way in the summer. Among the mountains of Tennessee and Virginia are some of the coolest, coolest summer retreats in the country. Further than that, there is good hunting and fishing, splendid scenery, and the trees, vines and flowers are something new to northerners. The railroad rates are no higher than to the hot seashore, while the hotel charges are much less and the fare all that can be desired.

Hare in Chattanooga one may buy a hammer and saw fill the city. The great union depot, the finest in the land, is just being completed. All the furnaces and factories are in full blast—streets being paved—the electric lights being put up, and "rush" is everywhere apparent. The war gave Chattanooga her first start. Then northern capital made her one of the busiest little cities of the whole land. Day after day she sends out from twenty-five to thirty trains of freight over the roads centering here, and nothing but a general panic will prevent her from doubling her population in the next fifteen years.

**M. QUAD.**

Chattanooga, April 20, 1882.

**Fraud.**

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Denver (Colo.) Tribune, April 18.

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