

LITTLE INTEREST TAKEN

Few Congressmen Attended the Democratic Caucus Yesterday.

RULES THAT DO NOT GIVE SATISFACTION

Crisp Supports the Work of His Committee—Election of United States Senators—A Farmers Alliance Measure—News Notes from Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.—The democratic caucus which was called for tonight for the purpose of considering the action to be taken upon the proposed code of rules, was very poorly attended. When the appointed hour (7:30) arrived, there were not a dozen members in the hall and the new arrivals came in very slowly. Chairman Holman arrived in due time, but after glancing over the large array of empty seats, did not immediately call the assembly to order. Gradually the members dropped in, one by one, but at no time before 8 o'clock did the attendance exceed seventy-five. The Chairman Holman rapped for order. The roll call showed the attendance of 121 members, more than a majority of the caucus, and the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing session.

Mr. Holman of Indiana, chairman; Messrs. Alderson of West Virginia, and Robertson of Louisiana, secretaries.

Although there was no organized opposition to these officers there was a great deal of speech making induced.

Made a Cast-Iron Rule.

A cast-iron rule was adhered to, that no cards should be sent to the members during the progress of the caucus.

The proceedings were devoid of interest owing to the small attendance. The discussion was confined to a consideration of the proposed rules, and especially that which confers certain powers upon the committee on rules. After a few minutes' debate the decision was taken to accept the natural. Speaker Crisp took the floor for twenty-five minutes in support of the code of rules recommended by the committee on rules. The greater part of his time was consumed in answering questions relative to the effect the rule concerning certain principles of the code of rules would have upon that transaction of business by the house. His remarks were vigorous and commanded deep attention.

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Some Railroad Statistics.

The census bureau today issued a bulletin giving statistics of the operations of railroads for the years 1880 to 1890. It is found that portion of the territory of the United States designated as group P, this group embraces the states of Illinois, the northern peninsula of Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North and South Dakota, east of the Missouri river, and the middle portion of the Missouri river. During the period in question, the number of passengers carried increased 39,000,000. Sons of freight moved increased 40,000,000. Earnings of the passenger service increased \$26,000,000, and from freight service \$60,000,000. The total earnings and income increased \$86,000,000, and the total expenditures \$80,000,000.

CHILL'S MINISTER.

While it is not altogether improbable that Chil will change her diplomatic representative at Washington, it is stated authoritatively that this government has taken no steps looking to that end. That President Harrison has no real feeling against Minister Chil is shown by the fact that he has sent him a personal invitation to attend the state dinner to be given at the White house next Tuesday in honor of the diplomatic corps.

PATENT LAWS.

Commissioner of Patents Simonds, made his annual report to congress today. He recommends several amendments to the patent law, among them the following are of the most importance: Providing that a person can file a claim for the invention of a prior foreign patent, compelling applicants to take action every six months, and no patent to live more than twenty years after the date of the original application; requiring licensees to make or use the invention under license, forbidding licensees to file caveat, compelling inventors once contests to the court providing that no damages for infringement shall be recovered, except such as occur within six years next prior to bringing suit, and allowing the registry of trade marks which are used in commerce between the states.

SECRETARY FOSTER.

Secretary Foster arrived here this afternoon from Fort Monroe, where he had been attending the Gridiron banquet tonight known as the "Wreath of a British Vessel Off the Coast of Oregon."

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 30.—The British ship Ferndale, coal laden, went ashore yesterday. When the Ferndale went ashore she was seventy miles north of the mouth of the Columbia river, near Gray's harbor. The wreck occurred at daylight. Twenty lives were lost including that of Captain Blair. Three of the crew were saved by being washed ashore upon pieces of wreckage. The vessel is reported a total loss. She was coal laden and sailed from Newcastle, N. S. W., November 4 for Portland, Ore. She was consigned to B. & G. & Co., Portland. The scene of the wreck was a mile north of where the Abercorn was wrecked. Owing to lack of telegraph facilities further news is obtainable at present.

British Vice Consul Cherry of this city has telegraphed to Gray's harbor to care for the man and woman who were lost. The advice of the authorities on the other hand, maintains that the instructions of the faculty must be carried out.

had been in consultation but a few moments when Mr. O'Donnell of Michigan, a member of the committee, who had been to the white house on business, with the president, entered the committee room and called me to his office. He then gave me a message from the president to the effect that a cablegram had been received from Mr. Eggin, but its contents were unknown. Mr. O'Donnell cautioned me that the message was for my information only, and not to be communicated to any of the members of the committee. So you see upon the State department and executive hearing that a note had been received from Chil the importance of the act was at once communicated to the chairman of the committee on foreign relations."

DEEP WATER ON THE LAKES.

Appropriations for Improvements Asked of the River and Harbor Committee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.—A large delegation of representatives of the deer waterway convention held in Detroit in December last was given a hearing today before the house committee on rivers and harbors and the senate committee on commerce in joint session, those committees having in charge the preparation of the regular river and harbor appropriation bill. The purpose of the delegation was to urge the construction and maintenance of a twenty-five-foot channel through Superior and the lakes connecting links between the great lakes and through the Erie canal to the sea.

Ely, president of the convention, said the principal object was to secure the authorization of the contract for a forty-one-foot of waterway from Buffalo to Erie. The estimated cost will be only \$3,000,000. The effect of the water rates over the lakes was to greatly reduce the railway rates throughout the country.

S. Thompson, secretary of the Detroit Chamber of commerce, entreated the attention of the committee for an hour. Thompson declared the total expenditure in improvement on the great lakes had been less than \$30,000,000. The saving in the last year due to lake transportation was \$150,000,000 more than the cost of the proposed improvement. All the time had been accounted for in the past, by giving sixteen feet of water would not only be duplicated, but enhanced ten fold by the expenditure of something over \$3,000,000 to secure a depth of twenty feet. He thought very little need be added to secure the appropriate decision.

Eight Still Missing.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The schooner Everett Webster of Boston arrived at Vineyard Haven, Mass., yesterday, with Captain Clark and the crew of the tug boat Webster, which was driven out to sea with four scows on Tuesday. There are still eight men not rescued out of the number who were blown out to sea. They were a garbage scow that was still missing, and it is now feared that they have been lost. However, the search has not been abandoned.

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Denies the Story.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 30.—Division Superintendent A. B. Newell, of the Lake Shore, son of President John Newell, when he was a boy, was a member of the class of 1860, and the name of his classmate, except Messrs. Blaine, Tracy and Wauwauwaier, and also in the elegance of the dinner and its appointments. Besides the president and Secretaries Foster, Noble, Rusk and Elkins, and Attorney General M. M. Moore, there were the following: General Schubel, Captain Schubel, Chauncy M. Depew, Senator Hawley, Allison, Blackburn, Gibson of Maryland, Casey and Dubois; Representatives Reed, Boutelle, Springer, Harper, Coburn, Weadeck, Raynor, Allen, Caruth and O'Brien; J. R. Casper, George Boyd and R. A. Park of the Pennsylvania railroad; H. Fuller of the Chesapeake & Ohio; S. B. Hedge of the Baltimore & Ohio; General Felix Angar, H. B. Morehead of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, and Edward Beddoe, Hugh Hastings and others.

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Minister Egan Upheld.

The present government has dealt leniently with its opponents, but few are now in jail. It is the greatest desire of President Mont to have a quiet reign, but the fact remains that political parties are not in good shape and there is a disturbing element present.

Minister Egan today received a cable dispatch from Secretary Blaine, stating that the charge made by the Chilean government that he had made a misrepresentation to his government in stating that Minister Porfirio had granted safe conduct to the refugees is untrue. The United States through the entire affair had nothing to complain of. Mr. Egan's actions, on the contrary, are considered highly commendable. Mr. Egan has transmitted the message to the Chilean cabinet for its information.

Discredited Trio.

Ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs Matti Gersmann Guttschmidt and London Times Correspondent Thompson are three of the most thoroughly discredited men in Chile today. Their schemes to foil the negotiations with the United States have failed absolutely.

The morning newspapers in commenting on President Harrison's last message have all turned and contended analogies of the "grand republic of the north."

A peculiar point in this affair is that Augustus Edwards, who owns his life and property to the intervention of Minister Egan, should have been foremost in the bitter fight against him and the North Americans.

There is any thing out a good feeling among the powers that be at Santiago. Senator Domingo Torro Herrara told me that the ministry sprung both the ultimatum and the reply at the council of state on Monday, much to his surprise.

Advice Not Needed.

There was no disguising the fact that the government thought that the matter could be handled with Blaine and Egan. Senator Torro Herrara is a graduate of the George (Colo.) School of Mines and speaks English perfectly. He remarked that all along he had opposed the action against Egan, though he did not agree with him. His advice, however, had not been heeded.

Exchange, in response to the solution of the trouble, is rising. An appropriation has been voted to raise the war ship Blanco Encalada, which was sunk by the torpedo boats Condell and Lynch. The contracts have presented claims arising from the destruction of property in August last.

Advices from Montevideo state that Admiral Walker and his fleet are at that place.

Why Egan's Recall Was Asked.

Several members of the Chilean cabinet have stated to the Associated Press correspondent that the reason the recall of Mr. Egan was requested last week was that he had notified Secretary Blaine the Chilean government had issued a safe conduct for refugees and had afterwards withdrawn it. The Chileans, however, have been highly respected by the powers that be.

George M. Baker of Grand Island is registered at the Paxton.

F. Fenster, of Schuyler, Neb., is registered at the Paxton.

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Steamer Arrivals.

At the Lizard—Passed, Chuja from New York for Antwerp; La Gascoigne from New York for Havre.

At Prowl Point—Passed, Lanfrander from Antwerp for New York.

At London—Columbia from New York.

NEWS OF YESTERDAY.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

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