

THOSE TROUBLESOME RULES

Time of the House of Representatives Taken Up in Their Consideration.

ADOPTED A REPUBLICAN AMENDMENT

Mr. Dingley's Suggestion Adopted—Reed Given Democratic Support—Chinese Immigration Discussed in Congress—A Day's Doings in Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—The house of representatives spent another monotonous day in the discussion of the rules, and it is now evident that the first two months of the session will close with the rules of procedure of the Fifty-second congress still under consideration. The progress made today was very slight, but it was marked by one very significant event—the adoption of an amendment, proposed by Mr. Dingley of the republican side, and chiefly supported by ex-Speaker Reed. This amendment, too, is one of the most important that have been proposed to the committee, as it provides that all senate amendments to house bills, other than appropriation bills, shall be considered as soon as laid before the house by the speaker.

This is considered a step toward the practical expedition of legislation and no stronger evidence of the disposition to consider the rules in a nonpartisan spirit could be afforded. The amendment, which the members of Messrs. Dingley and Reed today received from the democratic side.

The pending motion this morning was that made by Mr. Hoar of Louisiana, striking out the clause permitting general legislation on the appropriation bills, and in its stead to insert a clause that the expenditures could be reduced constitutionally and reasonably without the house depriving itself of its independence of action.

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GAMBLING IN FARM PRODUCTS

Arguments on the Pending Anti-Option Bills Made in Committee.

LEECH GIVES SOME SILVER FIGURES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—The house committee on agriculture today began a series of hearings on the various anti-option bills pending in congress. C. Wood Davis, a Kansas statesman, appeared in advocacy of the Hatch bill.

From the Chicago Board of Trade. Just before the adjournment of the committee H. H. Aldrich, Murray Nelson and others representing the Chicago Board of Trade spread before the committee a voluminous memorial in opposition to anti-option legislation. The arguments contained in this memorial are chiefly that of the farmer, and are essential to the marketing of the farmer's produce, and that the dealing in options and futures is a stimulus necessary to the maintenance of boards of trade.

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BY AN AMATEUR AVALANCHE

Dwelling House at Fifteenth and Jones Crushed by a Falling Embankment.

NARROW ESCAPE OF GREEN FAMILY

Thrown from Their Beds—The Crash, but Not One of the Total—The Building—A Singular Accident.

A dull rumbling, felt by a heavy sharp report resembling an explosion of an enormous cannon, was heard about 10:40 o'clock last night.

The explosion was located at the corner of Fifteenth and Jones streets had caved in with a deafening thud which fairly shook the ground for several blocks around.

Some of the most completely crushed that the high bank on the corner was made for the purpose of extending a twenty-foot alley from Jones to Leavenworth, between Fourth and Fifteenth streets. Just east of the alley stands a couple of two-story frame houses. The house farthest west and nearest the great bank was occupied by P. H. Green.

Their Slumber Disturbed. Mr. Green, his wife and a baby were sleeping in a bedroom in the west side, when suddenly, without any warning beyond the dull rumbling, the great mass of earth fell against the house, almost completely demolishing one side of it.

The room which the family occupied, had a west bay window, and the falling embankment completely crushed the bay window, throwing the debris across the beds of the family. The house, which was a substantially built one, was moved nearly three feet off its foundation and remained in a tilted position. The crash threw the sleeping family out of their beds. Several persons, and the neighbors for a block around were roused by the shock, and hastened to the scene.

Some one cried out that there was a woman and baby in the house, and several windows were broken in. A lantern was brought and the frightened family were carried out in their night clothes and taken to the residence adjoining. An effort was then made to procure the clothes of the woman and baby, but the clothes were so completely crushed that the family were unable to find them. A search was made for the clothes, but they were so completely crushed that they were unable to find them.

Had a Mighty Close Call. The bed room which he had occupied but a few moments before was a safe and sound. The floor had been partially torn up, the plastering had nearly all fallen off, and the timbers of the bay window and a part of the side of the house were strewn on all of Mr. Green's jewelry was found, though he could not extricate some of his clothing from beneath the fallen timbers.

A foundation on the east side of the building was cracked beyond repair. Fully seven feet of loose earth lays in the area way between the house and the embankment, which still stands. The bank which caved in is nearly 100 long, about thirty feet high and fully twenty-five feet wide.

It was a curious accident and a miraculous escape for the Green family. The property owned by the Omaha Loan and Trust company and had only been occupied by Mr. Green since Sunday.

WRECKED BY DYNAMITE. Railroad Car Containing Thirteen Men Blown Up, But Nobody Badly Hurt.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 3.—The Woods Run car of the Manchester line, having on board thirteen new employes of the company, was wrecked early this morning by the explosion of a dynamite charge which had been placed in the track. The explosion was so severe that the car was thrown from the track and badly wrecked, and windows were shattered in all the houses on the side of the street nearest the track over which the car was running. Not one person was injured. Several of the men were cut by the car as it passed, but no one was hurt. Many persons were thrown from their beds by the force of the explosion. The driver of the car, a man named James Manuel of Garret, Ind., was killed. The fireman and two express messengers were injured.

Fatal Wreck on the B. & O. CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 3.—Advices received here state that the train on the Baltimore and Ohio which left here last night, and which was made up entirely of United States express cars, was derailed at North Baltimore, Ohio, this morning, and eight persons were killed. The train was derailed by a dynamite charge which had been placed in the track. The explosion was so severe that the train was thrown from the track and badly wrecked, and windows were shattered in all the houses on the side of the street nearest the track over which the train was running. Not one person was injured. Several of the men were cut by the train as it passed, but no one was hurt. Many persons were thrown from their beds by the force of the explosion. The driver of the train, a man named James Manuel of Garret, Ind., was killed. The fireman and two express messengers were injured.

Mrs. Osborne Will Surrender. LONDON, Feb. 3.—Interest in the case of Mrs. Florence Ethel Osborne was revived today by an assertion that lady had decided to surrender herself to the police in answer to the charges of perjury made against her in connection with the suit for libel she brought against Mrs. Hargrave for charging her with the theft of a quantity of silverware. Mrs. Osborne is at present in a town of Spain near the border of France where she is in delicate health. At the time of her flight she was in an interesting condition, and it was then that she started on the charge against her would result in her death. This was given as one of the reasons for fleeing the country. Captain Osborne, her husband, has started for Spain for the purpose of escorting his wife back to London.

Went to Visit the Queen. LONDON, Feb. 3.—The princess of Wales has gone to Osborne house, Isle of Wight, to pay a quiet visit to the queen. It is not known how long her royal highness will remain at Osborne house, but if the proposed arrangements for the trip of the princess and princess of Wales to the south of France are carried out, she will stay there but a short time. This will be the first time that the princess has seen the queen since before the death of the duke of Clarence, and it is surmised that her present visit is as much for a change of scenes and associations as for any other purpose. She will find a ready welcome in the loss of her son-in-law, the queen, who was devotedly attached to the duke.

All Specie Removed from the Elder. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 3.—Specie has been removed from the Elder, a steamer of the California sugar refinery, because the usual denial of the report that their company has been absorbed by the sugar trust.

The Death Roll. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 3.—James McCullough, the last surviving son of the distinguished tragedian, John McCullough, died at the old home here. McCullough's daughter, Letitia is now the only surviving descendant of the great actor and will inherit an estate valued at \$50,000.

Usual Denial from Spreckels. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 3.—Spreckels Brothers, owners of the California sugar refinery, make the usual denial of the report that their company has been absorbed by the sugar trust.

Sale of Kentucky Stock. LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 3.—At Brasfield & Co.'s horse sale yesterday thirty-eight horses were disposed of for over \$50,000.

The U. S. government are using large numbers of the Improved Howe scales, Borden & Sellock Co., agents, Chicago, Ill.

Severe Cold in Russia. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 3.—The thermometer registers from 30 to 40 degrees of cold in

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