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THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUORUM

The question of quorum is with us a recurring question that inevitably reappears so often as either house of congress finds itself shipwrecked on the parliamentary rules which have been established for its guidance.

The whole difficulty has arisen from the seemingly ambiguous language employed by the framers of the constitution in the article relating to the organization of congress.

Another clause of the constitution which bears upon this point, and which has been too often ignored, is that which reads that "the yeas and nays of the members of either house on any question shall, at the desire of one-fifth of those present, be entered on the journal."

IT is safe to say that were women permitted to vote at the coming election the ballot of Mrs. Johnson would not be cast for Mr. Ira C. Bachelor, the would-be councilman, who defrauded her of her husband's estate.

THE vote on the motion to include women in the voting population of Oklahoma shows the question of woman suffrage stands in the senate. Those nine nays will now be paraded as idols in the Kansas woman suffrage campaign.

THE Guarantee Investment company, whose officers have just been indicted by the federal grand jury in Chicago, managed to secure no less than 50,000 dupes. In the language of the late P. T. Barnum, "the people want to be humbugged."

PERHAPS County Judge Eller can enlighten the public as to why he appointed Mr. Ira C. Bachelor administrator of an estate under only \$400 bonds when the estate was valued at \$8,000, and conspicuously neglected to see that the bonds were filed.

SENATOR VEST is satisfied that unconditional repeal cannot be had in the senate. His action and that of his fellow silverites has satisfied a great many other people of the same thing, and they are fast satisfying the remainder of the country of the truth of the assertion.

JUSTICES of the peace are the arbiters of poor men's contentions. It is of the utmost importance that men be elected to such places who are both competent and honest. Otherwise our justice courts will degenerate into mere cost-mills and bring reproach upon our entire judicial system.

KANSAS is being afforded an excellent example of the work of dissension and jealousy among the woman suffragist agitators. But this is only a sample of what would be given in case the pending constitutional amendment should be adopted.

nominated George P. Bemis for mayor, we will have to go back to the city convention to the polls of the primaries. Thanks to republican legislators we now have the secrecy of the ballot protected at all elections by the Australian ballot system.

THE HOLT COUNTY THIEVES. THE BEE is actively at work encouraging populist sentiment in Holt county. A long article was printed, the other day containing all sorts of insinuating charges against all sorts of people, and even going so far as to insulate the Scott defalcation would be found to "reach as far as the capital of the state."

ADMIT that all treaties between the Union Pacific railway and its train men are abrogated by the court's order placing the road in the hands of receivers. It does not follow, however, that there must be a sweeping reduction of wages.

THE eastern money market seems up Omaha municipal bonds grow in active demand. Omaha securities are known as gilt-edge paper the world over, because this city has always met all obligations with promptness.

THE Women's club is about to grapple with the grim specter of domestic economy. If it discovers how to reduce household expenses by 50 per cent the men will respond with a framed vote of thanks.

A Party Division Against Itself. Chicago Inter Ocean. This spectacle of a party afraid of itself and divided on an issue vital to the business welfare of the country ought to be a warning against double dealing in politics and intruding the reins of government to a party known to be paralyzed by an irreconcilable conflict of views.

The Principle of It. Kansas City Star. Senator Dubois declares that the anti-repealers are fighting on the principle that "such radical legislation should first have the approval of the people."

Crippled Telegraph Service. Detroit Free Press. This last destructive storm has again called attention to the unstable and unreliable telegraph system now doing service in this country. In this criticism reference is had only to the work of construction.

The Van Alen Case Again. Harper's Weekly. The question whether the contribution of money to a campaign fund should be absolutely a bar to subsequent appointment to office has received various answers. While it may be argued with a good show of reason that a contributor to a campaign fund who has rendered eminent public services, of whose abilities present uncommon promise of public usefulness, should not be excluded from official consideration by the mere fact of his contribution, it is absolutely certain that the appointment to office of persons whose only or whose principal claim to popularity or to the respect of their fellow-citizens is based upon their having given money for electioneering purposes is utterly indefensible and cannot fail to be dangerously demoralizing in its effects.

on the assumption that the court, being practically unpartisan in its composition, would in turn appoint park commissioners without regard to politics. But by some hocus pocus, design or accident, it transpires that the commission is composed entirely of democrats. Can it be possible that in this great metropolis there is not one republican fit to take part in the management of our public parks? Piffish the thought.

EX-GOVERNOR BOYD, in a recent interview, is quoted thus: "The men who have forced themselves into the control and management of the democratic party in this city and county lack the ability to properly manage a campaign. Their management of both state and county campaigns heretofore has been such a notorious failure that the rank and file of the democratic party have lost confidence in them and have become disgusted. The democratic party here can hardly hope for success as long as the control remains in the hands of such men." The force of these remarks leaves little room for comment.

UPON the heels of his statement that he did not need to ask who nominated Mayor Bemis in the city convention, as it was written on their noses, Rev. Patterson proceeded to give the foreigners coming to America a scoring such as they never before received. In place of claiming that pauper and criminal immigrants were undesirable, he boldly asserted that "the vast majority of foreigners are a source of danger."

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Truth, He-What If I steal a kiss? She-Hope that you will never be guilty of keeping stolen goods. Washington Star: The agitator orator is seen to fret and frown. "The mills are open, up," he sighs, "and must soon shut down."

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THE GRAVE, IMPOTENT SENATE.

Philadelphian Record: The first duty of the senate is to untie itself. Then it would be enabled to pass the silver repeal bill and adjourn. It might as well never hold another sitting as to remain any longer in its present incapable condition.

Washington Star: Let congress heed the voice of the people and act promptly. If it cannot now kill the silver dragon which is pictured as drinking the life blood from the treasury let it at least put the monster to sleep and out of mischief for a term of years. In the interval its final fate can be decided.

Washington News: The time must come when the majority of the senate will exercise its power, or the admission must be made that not one measure to which a single senator is opposed can become a law. The only death for which a fraction of the senate is pulled down to defeat is the silver bill cannot be passed.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: From the beginning it was supposed that this was a government of majorities. This was the theory of the framers of the constitution. It was the belief of statesmen and populace down to the recent times. A fraction of the people, or their leaders, now rise to tell us that this notion is false and mischievous, and that it is the minority and not the majority which should govern.

NEBRASKA AND NEBRASKANS. The Racketeers of W. E. Ayres at De Witt has been closed by creditors. The store of Thomas L. Cornell of Violet was burned to the ground, causing a loss of \$1,200.

THE first annual meeting of the Indianapolis Trotting association opens this morning and will continue three days. G. H. Mallory of Pierce beheaded a half acre of beets in three hours and fifty minutes.

While Sam Cole of Fairmont was attending church, leaving his horse hitched outside, somebody took the harness from the animal and substituted for it an old, worn-out harness.

Mrs. B. F. Lamb of Geneva jumped from her buggy when the horse ran away and struck her head on the ground. It was a heavy blow, but she was not killed for she weighs 300 pounds.

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MARSHAL MACMAHON DEAD

Peacefully the Messenger Came to the Man of Many Battlefields. FRANCE'S FAMOUS SOLDIER STATESMAN After Faithful Service to Empire, Merit and Republic He is Elected President and Dies in Semi-Retirement at a ripe Old Age.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—Marshal MacMahon, who has been lying at the point of death for some time past, died this morning at 10 o'clock. The marshal's death bed was in the Chateau la Foret on the Loire. He was able to partake of food until yesterday. During the night the sufferer's strength gradually declined and he grew weaker and weaker until the end came peacefully at the hour mentioned. The family of the deceased soldier was present at his death.

To the newspaper reader of today Marshal MacMahon is little more than a name. Since his retirement from the presidency, January 18, 1879, occasional bulletins concerning his health and some very infrequent and unimportant statements regarding his unpublished memoirs have barely sufficed to keep him in the public mind.

When the Crimean war came on MacMahon, who had been in the army since 1830, he was equal to the various governments of France, now promptly obeyed the emperor's summons to the division of Bugey's corps, and in the grand attack upon Sebastopol on September 8, 1855, he was one of the most desperate strategists of the war.

Service in Algeria followed, and he was made commander-in-chief of all the French forces in that land. In 1870 he was appointed to a more important work in the war with Austria, in northern Italy. His great achievement there was on the Tico, near the bridge of Magenta. After a week of victorious progress the French were unexpectedly and completely defeated at Woech Napoleon ordered him to go to the relief of Bazaine at Metz, which he did.

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SENATOR GIBSON STRICKEN.

Investigation Causes an Attack of Heart. WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Senator Gibson of Maryland was taken suddenly ill in the cloak room of the senate about 10 today. He was at the time of the attack engaged in conversation with several senators. Senator Gorman and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Layton assisted him out of the cloak room into the room of the committee on Appropriations and messengers were sent for physicians. Dr. Bayne was the first to arrive, and Dr. Walsh, Mr. Gibson's regular physician, was summoned to be on his way to the capitol at 1 o'clock. Dr. Bayne said the primary cause of the attack was indigestion, but that it was aggravated by the appropriation investigation. Dr. Walsh said the heart in a way to produce the symptoms observable. He said, however, that there was no organic trouble of the heart, and there was no danger of fatal termination. All persons were excluded from the room except the physician, Mr. Layton and Mr. Gibson's private secretary. Preparations were made for taking the case to the hospital at the shoreham hotel. This is the second attack of the same nature which Mr. Gibson has had within the past few days.

Senator Gibson is much better tonight and the indications are he will be able to resume his duties in the senate within a few days. He desires to be present in the senate in case a vote should be taken on his resignation. He is now in the hospital at the shoreham hotel. This is the second attack of the same nature which Mr. Gibson has had within the past few days.

Commander Adams in a Critical Condition. CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Captain J. B. Adams, commander of the Grand Army, spent a restless night at the Hotel Imperial. This morning his condition seemed slightly improved. During the day physicians will re-open the old wound to allow the discharge of the pus which is causing his present suffering. Captain Adams and his family have been in Chicago since Saturday. For many years he has suffered from rheumatism and received in the civil war. Sunday his sufferings became more acute and he decided on taking the advice of Dr. Tollman to have an operation performed.

Two physicians began an operation on Captain Adams this afternoon. During the morning the patient was in good spirits and was able to get up and walk about the room. The operation necessitates an incision in the hip. The physicians say the danger is not great. An hour was required for the work. Commander Adams is still in a critical condition.

Indians' Ingratitude. Indianapolis Journal: Quite a large number of people in this city and vicinity are hearing Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll lecture a few nights ago, as great numbers of people in other cities have done before and will probably do again. Colonel Ingersoll understands the public as well as the late Mr. Barnum did and works it quite as successfully and profitably. It would not be strictly fair to say that the people of this country obtaining money under false pretenses, because he simply announces that he will lecture and people go to hear him. But he gives the people nothing of any value for their money. He is not a profound student nor a deep or original thinker. All that he has to say against the Christian religion has been said far more forcibly and better than by him and has been answered a thousand times. His dogmatic assertions, his anecdotes, his epigrams and his verbs, pyrotechnics are as stale as the jokes of a clown in the ring. His arguments bring nowhere and end nowhere, his smooth, velvet sentences mean nothing, his fine words are as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

There are anarchists and anarchists. Some men would destroy all government and substitute chaos, while others would destroy all religion and substitute the blackness of darkness. Colonel Ingersoll is a religious anarchist, a moral destructionist. He would destroy God and religion without putting anything in their place. He asks the people to throw away their yearning faith in something higher than themselves and something better than this life, and what does he offer them instead? Nothing but negations and sneers, empty shells and blanks.

Union Pacific Troubles. Kansas City Journal. The ordering of the great Union Pacific railroad into the hands of receivers is one of the most conspicuous results of the year's business depression yet recorded. The railroads of the country have all suffered severely, along with other industries and enterprises, and it was only by rigid retrenchment and economy that a number of them which have safely pulled through were enabled to weather the storm. The selection of President McKinley as controller of the Union Pacific is a most unfortunate stroke which will insure the embarrassed property the best management, probably, that is at present available.

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