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THE MEETING OF CONGRESS.

The second regular session of the Fifty-eighth congress will begin Monday, December 5. It is already intimated that there will probably be very little legislation beyond the passage of the regular appropriation bills, but a good deal will depend upon the recommendations of the president in his annual message, which is now in course of preparation.

The Washington correspondent of a newspaper which stands close to the administration says that there is no likelihood that Mr. Roosevelt is to set himself up, as the opposition has predicted, as the party itself and undertake to make appointments, demand legislation and act in general as a dictator.

In regard to the coming session of congress there will undoubtedly be some important legislation in addition to the passing of appropriations, but it is not probable that anything will be done regarding the tariff, while as to the so-called trusts it may be deemed wise to await the result of the enforcement of existing laws before proposing any new legislation.

The coming session of congress will not be wholly without interest, but it is not expected that anything will be done which will effect a material change from existing conditions.

THE MASSACHUSETTS IDEA.

The election of a democrat as governor of Massachusetts promises to give that state prominence in the discussion of tariff revision and reciprocity with Canada. Governor-elect Douglas has announced what he proposes to do in regard to these important questions.

Perhaps this is a good idea. Of course there should already be a very thorough understanding regarding the tariff and reciprocity received a great deal of discussion before the people in the late campaign, but no harm can be done by having these subjects again submitted for the popular verdict.

THE TERRITORIES AND STATEHOOD.

Undoubtedly another effort will be made at the next session of congress for the admission to statehood of Oklahoma, Indian territory, Arizona and New Mexico, and it ought to be successful.

The Washington Post makes an earnest plea for according the territories statehood, which will be heartily approved by the people of the west.

Our amiable popocratic contemporary is buying itself now in a laudable effort to fill the appointive offices under the successful republican candidates.

essentials to civilization and progress.

It points out that New Mexico has been clamoring for admission for more than thirty years and notes the astonishing development of Oklahoma in the last six years as fully establishing her claims to recognition and admission as a state.

PRIMARY ELECTION REFORM.

Among the political measures that should commend themselves to the coming legislature is the proposed revision of the primary election laws, modeled after the direct primary law of Minnesota, which will, doubtless, also be enacted by the legislature of Wisconsin during the coming winter.

Under the Minnesota law the primary elections of all parties are conducted by public officers and election boards at the expense of the city or county, as the case may be. Under this law the primary elections of all parties are held on the same day and in the same places in conjunction with the registration of voters for the general election that is to follow.

The process is very simple. The elector first presents himself to the registrar to answer the various questions pertaining to his qualifications as a voter, and when he makes declaration with what party he affiliates the registrar hands him a primary election ballot of his party, which he fills out in the registration booth before retiring.

As there is but one registration day, the registration expenses are very much reduced. With the expense of conducting the primary election and printing of ballots paid by the public, political candidates are relieved from paying an entrance fee, and poor men are thus relieved from all obligation of borrowing the money to pay their filing fee or accepting it as a gift from parties who in return expect to receive favors that cannot be granted without detriment to the public interest.

It is a long lane that has no turn. The city has given away millions of dollars worth of streets and alleys for railroad right-of-way, but this policy must have an end some time, and might as well have an end now.

It has been figured out that if all the counties who are indebted to the state would pay up their delinquent taxes the state would soon walk on velvet; but, unfortunately, all the counties, or, for that matter, most of the counties have not been and never will be able to collect all the delinquent back taxes, either for themselves or for the state, because the delinquent persons have either moved to heaven or migrated to other unknown and unknowable abodes, and very large tracts of land have transferred themselves from Nebraska to Iowa or the bottom of the Missouri and Platte rivers, and thousands of lots in paper towns have been transferred into corn fields, beds of sunflower, golden rod and Russian thistle.

The Omaha Commercial club is preparing to take up the fight against railroad discrimination, and as a first step has recruited its membership by the addition of John N. Baldwin, boss politician of the Union Pacific railroad.

The periodic rumor of a plan to depose Mr. Zimman as president of the city council has been revived, on the assumption that Mayor Moore is about to take a protracted vacation.

JOHNSON OF THE GOPHER STATE.

Gov. Johnson of Minnesota. On 10,000 people, representing all tribes on the reservation, gathered within the limits of St. Peter last Monday to greet John A. Johnson, governor-elect of Minnesota.

St. Peter is the home of Mr. Johnson, and it never heard such a political racket as the victorious enthusiasts put up. For three days and the greater part of the night there was a concatenation of brass bands, tin horns and impetuous voices.

One of the problems with which the State Retail Dealers' association proposes to wrestle at its annual meeting is how to get away with the cat-mall order house. The most effective way, it seems to us, would be to sell better goods at the same prices or the same class of goods at lower prices.

Despite the fact that Iowa is republican by overwhelming majority the politicians are all at sea and will not know where to drop anchor until they learn the fate of the biennial election amendment.

A Point Worth Considering.

Chicago News. When all the railroads get ready to combine into one big system they should take down the supreme court decision in the Northern Securities case and read it over carefully.

The Age of Miracles.

Chicago Post. With the prohibitionists carrying an election district in Kentucky and the republicans capturing Missouri, the recent campaign of 1904 proves that the age of miracles is not past.

Wisdom Above the Wreckage.

New York Sun. Smiling Tom Taggart, the wisest elector of election results that has yet seen, says that the wreckage of the democratic party: "There weren't democrats enough," says Hon. Tom. A great man is the hero of French Lick.

Why Missouri Switched.

New York Tribune. It now appears that the late President Fairbanks is entitled to a good deal of credit for swinging Missouri into the republican column. The senator, against the judgment, it is said, of the national committee, insisted on speaking in Missouri, and the result has amply justified his confidence and political sagacity.

Remedy for Disfranchisement.

Philadelphia Press. If congress were to pass an act, as proposed by some republicans, to carry out the constitutional provision reducing the representation in congress of any state that disfranchises any considerable number of its voters, the southern states would perhaps change their methods in that respect.

Moving in the Trust Matter.

Indianapolis News. The administration has moved promptly in the trust matter, and the proposed proceedings will be taken to stop the rebate evil as it has manifested itself in the dealings of the Harvester and the Steel trusts with the railroad companies through terminal roads owned by them, and that the beef trust will be called to account for its alleged failure to obey the injunction issued against it.

"AUDACIOUS AND CHEEKY."

Bryan's Proposals and a Possible Counterpart of Them. New York Times. You go back very far in the history of our politics to find a close and exceedingly instructive parallel to the present situation. Soon after the election of Mr. Lincoln in 1860 certain states of this union seceded and there was a war.

He is the only democrat elected in the state. He is married and has two children. He lives at St. Peter, where he publishes and edits a daily paper. Nominated by the democrats, he was elected by the people, and today they are predicting that the man whose mother took in washing may yet be candidate for president of the United States.

Notable Changes in the Tides of Emigration.

Some earnest efforts have been made in Ireland to check the tide of emigration from that country. There have been attempts to put both the agricultural and the manufacturing industries of the island upon a more substantial and profitable basis, and it was expected that the recent and act would tend merely to keep Irishmen at home, but even call back to their native land some who had left it to better their fortunes in some other. But the operation of that act has not been entirely satisfactory.

Cheap fares have also given a fresh impulse to emigration, and Consul Stephens at Plymouth, England, reports that the British press is calling attention to the departure not only of Irishmen, but of Cornishmen, to this country. Over 2,000 of the former have already left Ireland this year, and the present exodus is at the rate of about 3,000 a week.

This is a new movement or a recrudescence of an old one. Irish immigration during recent years has shown a very marked falling off, while that from southern Europe has been constantly increasing.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Complete returns from Hawaii show that Prince Cupid has been re-elected delegate to congress from that territory. "Let joy be unconfined!"

William M. O. Dawson, the republican governor-elect of West Virginia, is 50 years old and began life as a printer, then became an editor and is now a lawyer.

The Japanese are preparing a welcome for the Baltic squadron. It has not yet been decided where the Formosa fishing fleet will meet Rojestejn's wonders.

Prof. Hoffa, the Berlin surgeon, who has just operated successfully upon Mrs. Arthur Paget, has invented a small machine for the exercising of the muscles of injured limbs.

Former Justice D. Cady Herrick, defeated candidate for governor of New York, sailed for Havana. Justice Herrick says that on his return he will set about earning his living and will open a law office in Albany and probably one in New York.

Edward B. Brooks, governor-elect of Wyoming, was born in Massachusetts and went to Wyoming in 1881 and worked as a cowboy near Cheyenne. He is a self-educated and self-made man, and has large stock, land, bank and other interests.

Sherman Bell, adjutant general of Colorado, announces as a result of the defeat of Governor Peabody and the invitation to deported miners to return to Cripple Creek that he will leave the state. He says he is going to Mexico to manage a mine.

Boza Kleniewska, a Polish countess, is a student in the Iowa State college studying agronomy. Her early education was acquired in a convent school at Breslau, and after coming to America she studied for a time at a school in Germantown.

WHITTLED TO A POINT.

You seemed to be having a very long race with father last night, didn't you get a chance to ask him for me? "No. He was sitting between me and the door."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Young Widow (to partner at ball)—Mr. Crogan, I've made a wager of a pound of chocolates that you are a single man. Mr. Crogan—Ye've lost, ma'am. I'm wan av thriplets.—Chicago Tribune.

Sally Gay—And after you rejected him? Dolly Swift—Oh, he married disgustingly well!—Puck.

"Have you done anything to inspire public confidence in you?" "My dear sir, answered Senator Sorgbom, "I don't seem to have a confidence; I am lucky if I can avoid inviting suspicion."—Washington Star.

Ramezes was watching the embalmer put the mummy case on his recently deceased prime minister. "There," he said, with a sigh of relief, "guess that will hold him for awhile."—Philadelphia Press.

The Pierce Fellow—So you wouldn't say that Longfellow was a liar, eh? The Mild Man—No; but if he were conducting a newspaper I should not hesitate.

RAILROAD STATISTICS.

Mileage, Tonnage, Earnings and Relation of Expense to Income. New York Times. Some statistics of general interest may be gleaned from the statistical tables in the advance sheets of Poor's Manual for 1904.

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Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Rows for Passenger, Freight, Mixed, Total, etc.

As compared with 1902 the total earnings showed an increase of about 10 per cent. There was a gain of something over a thousand millions in the number of passengers carried, and a gain in the freight movement of nearly 115,000,000 tons.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Rows for Total available revenue, Payments, Interest on bonds, etc.

The ratio of operating expenses to earnings, 68.36 per cent, was higher than for any year since 1897, when it was 67.74 per cent.

A MATTER OF HEALTH

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to assert that he had an exclusive news service.—Louisville Courier-Journal. Bailey—What time were you up Sunday morning? Galley—Four o'clock. Bailey—What? Do you mean to say you got up at that hour? Galley—Oh, when did I get up? That's different. Half-past eleven.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A CORN COB PIPE.

James Barton Adams in Denver Post. They say how against the treasure till their lungs are out of whack. With their sharp denunciation try to rip it up. They may rail against the practice, may denounce it as unclean, and may say to its detractor every blooming thing that's mean; they may tell us that its users will admission be denied.

It is homely in appearance, not at all a work of art; in a bribe-a-brac collection it could never play a part; As a decorative object in the home it cuts no ice, and the wealthy ones would elevate their tastes at its price; But for soothing ruffled spirits of the laborer, when his nerves are getting restless and inclined to misbehave, there has never been discovered any soothing that can swipe that old bakery production from the Corn Cob Pipe.

Take a man who's worth his millions and who smokes the choicest brands of the fancy imitations from the famel tobacco lands. When he puffs the weed in public or at a tony banquet board—Chewing at the end of treasures you or I could not afford—And when daily cares are over catch him in his snug home den. It's the safe investment, a wager that in nine times out of ten He will not be drawing comfort from a half-smoked Cuban "snipe," But be holding sweet communion with a Corn Cob Pipe.

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