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CONGRESS NOT LIKELY TO ADJOURN BEFORE THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER.

Members are now venturing predictions as to the length of the present session of Congress. The members of the ways and means committee expect to reach a vote on the tariff bill before the 1st of August. Time must then be allowed for the Senate to consider the matter, and the prevailing opinion is that Congress will be in session on the 15th of August, probably as late as the 1st of September. When the Senate gets the Mills bill it will probably not take the finance committee long to prepare a substitute, which will be reported by the majority, the minority reporting the bill. There is no idea that the session will be prolonged in an effort to reach an agreement between the two houses on a bill.

The condition of the appropriation bills is not very promising. Those that have become laws are: Two urgent deficiencies, the pensions, the Indian and the Military Academy. In conference are: The District of Columbia, the legislative, the consular and diplomatic, the post office and the agricultural. The fortification and the general deficiency bills are still in the House committee. The army, the navy, the river and harbor and the sundry civil bills have passed the House, but have not yet been acted upon by the Senate. This is their condition on the last day of this fiscal year.

Charlotte Isn't Left.

We have freaks here in Mecklenburg county, but they are too common to crow over. A farmer, in this county, who lives a mile from any stream or body of water, recently stood on his front steps at 5 o'clock in the morning and caught a mass of fish for breakfast with a hook and line. He caught 'em out of the log, which was usually heavy that morning. A Charlotte man and a bottle of whiskey were recently put to bed together one night. In the morning the bottle was still full and the man was empty. Scientists say there is no other similar case on record.

But talking about chicken stories, listen to this: An old couple in Charlotte have a hen thirty-nine years old. The hen was given to the old lady by her mother on her wedding day, and the wedding took place nearly forty years ago. A few days since a chicken hawk swooped down on the old hen and took her away. She was given up as gone. In about two hours the hawk returned with the hen. His beak was broken and his talons were bent and useless. He turned the tough old hen loose, and after gazing about as if looking for something more tender, he seized an old rubber over his head and flew away with it.

Woman's Ways.

In 1776 Sarah Goodard printed a newspaper at Newport.

Mrs. Mel'erson, wife of the Senator, is a fascinating talker.

In 1772 Clementina Reid published a newspaper in Virginia.

Mary Chandler Hale is fastidious in the choice of note paper.

Jennie Jenkins, of Colorado, Fla., is 105, and still chews tobacco.

Lady Londonderry is trying to make green fashionable in London.

Anna Frankl owned and edited the first newspaper printed in Rhode Island.

Quida has become extremely religious and will stop writing lurid love stories.

Miss Catherine T. Simonds has completed fifty years as a Boston school teacher.

Mrs. Susan B. Fell's of Williamson County, Ill., is eighty-six, and smokes a pipe.

In 1773 Elizabeth Timothy printed and edited a newspaper in Charleston, S. C.

A young woman in Paris committed suicide by filling her small bedroom with flowers.

Ex-Queen Isabella, of Spain, has an income of \$1,000,000 a year, but is always in debt.

Mrs. Dorothy Payton Spotswood, of Mexico, Mo., is ninety-three and knits and sews.

Mrs. Hazen has kept every military hat, coat, sack and badge the General ever wore.

SHERMAN MUST SHUT UP.

ONE OF GENERAL ALGER'S SOUTHERN AGENTS TALKS NIGHT OUT.

Mr. Hosea Bigelow, one of General Alger's managers in the South returned to this city yesterday, and to a Herald reporter who saw him at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, he said: "If General Alger disappears any body in South and North Carolina I am very anxious to know of it, because I did not have the handling of it. We hear a great deal in the North about the Democrats in the South carrying the negroes, but when I reached Atlanta I found, after a careful investigation, a lot to go into the State of Alabama at all, or persons General Alger's campaign, because I found that a clever lawyer broker named in love already purchased for Mr. Sherman all the delegates from that State to Chicago. Sherman was the hoodler, and no mistake. He put up his money in a city and secured credit at Chicago. General Alger did perfectly right to decline to discuss the matter with Senator Sherman, because he has got his gun double-barreled for him, and simply waits sufficient provocation from Sherman to publish something that will brand him as the brazenest hoodler in the country."

A Terrible Tragedy.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 18.—A dispatch from Knoxville, Tenn., says: The Lauren Fork meeting house in Whitely county, Ky., was on Sunday the scene of a terrible tragedy. It was a collision between the Rose and Foster clans, while services were in progress. The feud had been in existence between Michael Rose and one of the Foster boys for some time, over five dollars which the former accused the latter of stealing from him. A few weeks ago Foster waylaid Rose and seriously wounded him with a Winchester rifle. Some time after that Rose shot at Foster from ambush and clipped off one ear. From that time on the feud grew stronger, and last week both parties, backed by a number of friends on either side laid in a liberal supply of shot guns and Winchester, and a collision became only a matter of time. It came Sunday morning, and just as the minister of the little church was announcing his text, a volley of screams was discharged outside. The battle raged fiercely between the two factions, and when the smoke cleared away it was found that Everett Lawson and his son John, aged 18, belonging to the Rose faction were dead, having been fairly riddled with buckshot, and that three of the Foster boys, Tom, John and Edna and John Porter, belonging to the other side, were seriously and perhaps fatally wounded. A dozen others, whose names could not be ascertained, were more or less seriously wounded. Great excitement prevails in the country, and the end is not yet. Trouble is expected daily.

The Floods Continue.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., July 18.—The floods continue and the destruction of property all along the Little Kanawha and Ohio rivers is greater than in 1884, when the great flood came. Farms are flooded and hundreds of acres of growing crops and harvested grain are deluged. Millions of feet of timber are about in the swift currents going to destruction. The loss in this vicinity will be \$15,000, and in this and adjoining counties will be more than \$100,000. Every stream out of its banks. Numbers of families had to move to higher ground. A family named White had retired last night when the flood entered their home, reaching nearly to the top of the bed covering before they got out. Nearly all telegraphic communication is cut off as a big washout is reported on the railroads. Two more fatalities are reported. A Mrs. Tazewell was killed by lightning and a boy named Sander on was drowned while escaping from the flood. The rain is still falling.

Reduction of Freight Rates.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 18.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has announced a reduction in rates on iron from Pittsburg to this city to thirteen cents a hundred weight for a car load, and sixteen cents for less than that quantity. This is a cut of nearly thirty per cent. The new rate will go into effect next Monday.

Doings in the House.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The following resolutions were introduced in the House today. During the committee on manufactures to report at once all the evidence so far taken by the committee relating to the standard oil and the sugar trusts; providing for a special committee of the House to sit during the recess and investigate alleged evasions of the law prohibiting the importation of foreign labor.

Mr. Brown, of Virginia, offered a resolution relating the committee on education from further consideration of the Blair educational bill and was granted a measure a continuing special order for July 17. Refused.

Mr. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, introduced a bill, which was referred, to increase the pension of all survivors of the war of 1812 whose names are now upon the pensions roll for \$5 to \$12 per month.

Consideration of the tariff bill was then resumed, the pending question being Mr. Cannon's proposed amendment placing sugar not above No. 16 Dutch standard on the free list, reducing the rates on other grades and paying a bounty to sugar producers.

Mr. Wilkinson opposed the amendment and after further debate the Cannon amendment was rejected by a vote of 108 to 37.

Mr. Dingley, of Maine, offered an amendment placing the duty on sugar not above No. 13 Dutch standard, testing not above 75 degrees at 7-10 of a cent per pound with an additional duty of 2-15 of a cent per pound for each additional degree higher test.

After considerable debate a vote was taken and the amendment was lost—89 yeas, 105 nays.

Disasters in Texas.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., July 18.—Two destructive winds have visited this section in the past two days. They were accompanied by lightning, hail and violent winds swept the territory within a radius of 35 miles, doing a large amount of damage. A ride through the territory showed bridges swept away, buildings unroofed, trees and fences down and crops in a deplorable condition. This is between here and Athens, Ohio, and along the Little Kanawha and Ohio rivers. Two fatalities are reported. John Thompson, a farmer, was instantly killed by lightning. Howard James attempted to ford a swollen stream at the accustomed place, and was washed down with the torrent. Last night the second storm added to the destruction. Homes were blown down; fences were broken; foundations were undermined and a large amount of damage was done. Several inches of rain fell and rushed through the streets like a mill-race. The roads washed out and telegraph lines were prostrated so that news of the actual damage outside is coming in slowly.

Samuel Harrison, the glass eater of the fine museum, is in the Bellevue Hospital, New York, suffering from gastritis. The goblets and lamp chimneys he used to chew were made for the purpose of being clean and alibate, but a constant diet of this comparatively harmless material produced such irritation that the glass eater's occupation is gone.

Wilmington Messenger: The many friends of Prof. and Mrs. E. A. Al' darman, in this city, will be pained to learn that their little daughter, Emma Graves, about six months old, died at Newton yesterday. Prof. Al' darman left Guilford last week, and was engaged at Newton in Normal school work.

Higginson Enterprise: Burglars forced an entrance to an outer room at Mr. Jacob Maynard's residence Sunday night and broke open a trunk and took therefrom \$11.30. The coin was used by his daughter as a wardrobe and the money was her property. The thieves were at large.

Raleigh Expositor: Intelligence has been received here of the death in Peoria, Illinois, on June 19th, of Col. James A. Drake, a native of Chatham county, in this State, aged 73. He was a gentleman of high standing and once represented Randolph county in the General Assembly.

New Bern Journal: Pa ties from Jamaica county reports that there is a child near Grand-bro ten months old with a head twice as large as an ordinary man's head, and that it is healthy and growing rapidly.



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