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Staunch relic of the ages gone!

Child of the centuries!

Thy whisperings have my spirit grave

In deepest reveries.

Spring after spring has brought its

bloom.

And fall has bronzed it o'er;

Yet here you stand serenely grand

As in the days of yore.

To thee spring brings increase of

strength.

And fall but needed rest;

And loiter still with sturdy will

To rear your royal crest.

As summer sun or winter's chill,

The fact of life remains,

Within you write of time's slow drift,

The scope of dying years.

Kings, Colonies, Republics, States—

Have sprung and grown to power,

And in thy day, beneath thy sway

Have breathed their little hour.

You saw the dawn of liberty,

When freedom westward sped;

The ages came beneath her flame

The tyrant's might is shed.

You saw within these Western Wilds

An infant nation's birth,

And watched it grow through many

a throe.

The noblest now on earth.

Rude patriots sought thy sheltering boughs,

When Britain's mordacious might

Their birth-stones strewed with tears,

And made all nature weep.

Unarmed, unshod, half-clad, unshod,

Determined to be free,

Your lives, sir, and mine right here,

With life bought liberty.

Near thee the war-worn, weary Groves

His scanty blanket spread;

And far around this sacred ground

Still sleep his glorious dead.

In silence for some hundred years—

You've guarded well this spot;

Each road a grave of patriot brave,

And seen their mem'ries rot.

Cry "shame," thou witness of the deeds

Of these blood-stained ones!

With tongue of flame cry out "shame,"

On their degenerate sons.

Cry "shame" till led by gallant

Soldiers,

This broad land breaks no pane,

And we stand in brass and stone,

Ful of worthy of the cause.

JOSEPH M. MOREHEAD,

FIGHTING THE FORCE BILL.

No Help for the World's Fair if the Bill Passes.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 27.—A resolution was adopted in both branches of the legislature this morning approving the action of the United States Senate in laying aside the closure rule. All of the Independents, with three exceptions, voted with the Democrats.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 27.—The House of Delegates to-day passed a resolution by a vote of 40 to 20 that in case of the passage of the Federal election bill by Congress West Virginia would make no appropriation for the World's Fair. This afternoon a similar resolution was passed on the Senate, working for a large appropriation, as \$100,000, had been asked from the legislature.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 27.—The democratic majority in the Legislature created a sensation to-day by announcing its intention to pass resolutions declaring that it is the sense and intention of the members of the Legislature that not one dollar shall be voted to help the World's Fair at Chicago unless the Lodge election bill now pending in the Senate of the United States is either defeated outright or such action be taken upon it as should make its passage impracticable.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 27.—In the House today the resolution instructing the Senators from Illinois to vote against the federal election bill was passed by a strict party vote of 77 to 73, the F. M. B. A. men not voting. Springfield on behalf of the Democrats gave notice that if the Senators from Illinois should vote for the federal election bill the Democrats in the State Legislature would not vote a dollar in aid of the World's Fair.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 27.—Both branches of the Legislature met to-night. Mr. Mullonee in the Assembly, offered a resolution denouncing the Force bill in Congress and declaring that the State of New Jersey shall withhold its appropriation for the World's Fair if that bill becomes a law. It was made a special order for Tuesday morning.

REPORTS FROM THE STORM.

Massachusetts Suffered Quite as Much as Did New York.

BOSTON, Jan. 27.—Reports from various sections of New England indicate that the storm of Sunday morning was unusually severe. A great deal of damage has been done to the telegraph and telephone wires, especially between New Haven and New York.

The Long Distance Telephone Company had no communication with New York last night, for the first time since the company began to do business.

Fall River Massachusetts reports

a very heavy snow and rain storm

until 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon

accompanied by very high tides.

The sound boats had a very hard

time around Point Judith, but ar-

rived at Fall River safely, although

they were laid off on Friday and Saturday, and other coal lines are follow-

ing suit.

Nashua, N. H., reports the worst

storm of the season. Twelve mil-

lions of dollars worth of property

was lost in the storm.

A Terrible Avalanche.

ROME, Jan. 27.—An avalanche to-day destroyed eleven houses and killed nineteen persons.

The World's Fair and the South.

EIGHTY MEN SMOTHERED.

Terrible Disaster in Coal Mine—Weeping Widows and Fatherless Children Praying for Help.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 28.—A calamity much worse than the deadly explosion in the Hills Farm Mine near Dunbar, in the coal region, last summer, occurred to-day near Mount Pleasant, another coke manufacturing section. Sixty-four miners were killed and twenty-eight were injured.

In this speech it is shown that

in the United States there are 67,000 voting precincts and 70 judicial districts.

To all of these the law will apply, and just in this connection the working of the force

bill will be seen:

The cost of the force bill.

The Costs of the Force Bill.

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