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CONGRESS AT WORK.

The Hawaiian Question Warmly Discussed.

BILL TO ADMIT UTAH IS PASSED.

Probable Changes in the Wilson Bill—The Republicans Preparing for a Vigorous Fight—Voorhees' Silver Coinage Bill Read.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—In both the house and senate the Hawiian matter was up today. The house passed the Hitt resolution calling on the president for the papers in the case.

In the senate, Mr. Frye, of Maine, defended Minister Stevens, and in the course of his remarks took occasion to severely criticise Mr. Blount. Mr. Frye went so far as to affirm that Mr. Blount in his report had not written one line of truth, nor given one unprejudiced opinion, nor rendered one impartial judgment. Senator Vest, of Missouri, defended Mr. Blount. He declared him to be a man of honor and of the very highest motives, and he believed that Mr. Blount, in making his report, was honest in believing every statement he made. Mr. Vest, speaking for the administration, declared that the president would not attempt to put the queen back on her throne. That would be an act of war and he did not believe the president contemplated any such thing.

The house bill for the admission of Utah to statehood was passed without division today at the close of the debate, the only amendments of importance incorporated in the enabling act being one by Mr. Powers, of Vermont, prohibiting polygamy forever, and another by Mr. Wheeler, of Alabama, reducing one-half the land granted to the state for common school purposes.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—The committee on privileges and elections this morning, by a party vote; decided to report the house bill to repeal the federal election laws.

The house bill repealing the federal election laws was reported back favorably from the committee on privileges and elections and placed on the calendar, notice of a minority report being given on the part of Senators Hoar, Mitchell, Higgins and Chandler.

Mr. Voorhees, introduced a bill for the coinage of silver dollars, retirement of small denominations of gold and paper and for other purposes. It was referred to the committee on finance. It directs the coinage into silver dollars of standard weight and fineness, of the seignoroge or profit from the coinage of silver bullion, under the act of February, 1878, and July, 1890.

Mr. Catchings brought in an order from the committee on rules, setting aside a time after the second morning hour, beginning today and continuing each day thereafter, until concluded, for considering the bills admitting Arizona and New Mexigo to statehood.

Commissioner Lyman, of the civil service commission, has resigned as president of the commission but not as commissioner, and has been succeeded in the presidency by Commissioner Proctor.

A RACE FOR LIFE.

W. H. Parks and Mrs. R. W. North Killed by a Freight Train.

NEWNAN, GA., December 14.—Between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mr. W. H. Parks and Mrs. Dr. R. W. North, in attempting to cross the Chattanooga and Griffin railroad were struck by a freight train and instantly killed. The accident occurred at McDonald's crossing, about one mile west of Sharpsburg. Mrs. North resided at Sharpsburg and was returning with Mr. Parks in a buggy to his country home about two miles distant. The approach to the railroad crossing is through a deep cut, and they had driven into the cut before the noise of the approaching train was heard. Mr. Parks was driving a spirited horse, and it is supposed that he tried to get across ahead of the train.

When the horse reached the crossing, however, the train was only a few feet off. The animal became frightened at sight of the train and instead of going across, wheeled suddenly and started down the track in front of the locomotive. The train was running at full speed and in less than half a minute overtook the vehicle and completely demolished it. Mr. Parks and Mrs. North were also struck by the locomotive and instantly killed. Mr. Parks was one of Coweta's wealthiest and most prominent citizens and a brother of T. B. Parks, of Atlanta. Mrs. North was the widow of the late Dr. R. W. North, of Sharpsburg.

Arrested the Constable.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 15.—Charles B. McDonald, one of Governor Tillman's special dispensary officers, who has been in the city for several weeks during which time he has been appointed a special city detective by Mayor McDonough, was arrested today at the instance of C. H. Medlock who charges him with trespassing on the wharf of the steamer Alpha, and also with carrying concealed weapons. He gave bond and was released. Mr. McDonald's particular duty is to watch and see that no whisky is sent from Savannah to inland places in South Carolina.

Mr. Medlock thought he had no right to examine the Alpha's freight and had him arrested.

A Fatal Banquet.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 18.—At the annual banquet at the winter palace of the soldiers decorated with the cross of St. Andrew and St. George, last Monday, forty of the guests are said to have partaken of a meat pie which was in a putrid state. The result is that fifteen of them have since died of cholera and the others were very sick for several days afterwards.

FOR BOTH METALS.

Aggressive Resolutions Passed by the Georgia Legislature.

COINAGE WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION

And State Banks of Issue Recommended—The Right of the General Government to Establish Prohibitory Law is Questioned.

ATLANTA, GA., December 15.—The Georgia legislature passed resolutions favoring the coinage of both gold and silver, without discrimination, and for state banks of issue. The resolutions were introduced in the house by A. O. Bacon, of Bibb. After reciting the financial distress prevailing throughout the country, the resolutions say:

"We hold it to be to the interest of the people of the United States that the government should coin both gold and silver as the money of final payment, without discrimination against either metal, the dollar unit of coinage of which shall be of equal intrinsic and exchangeable value."

The second resolution "invokes at the hands of those upon whom is laid the responsibility of its decision the speedy determination of the future coinage of both gold and silver and the future equality of both gold and silver coin as the money of final payment, to the end that the future prosperity and development of the country may be assured."

The resolution on state banks says: "We hold it to be the constitutional right of the several states to enact their own banking laws by which banking corporations within their borders shall be empowered to issue bank bills for circulation among their people for the necessary transaction of business, and that there is no constitutional right in the general government to lay upon the states a prohibition against the exercise of such right or to restrict, regulate or control the exercise of such right."

There is a declaration for an individual income tax and a tariff for revenue only. The last resolution requests Georgia's senators and representatives to do all they can to make effective the principles contained in the paper. The resolutions were adopted by an almost unanimous vote.

FROM HONOLULU.

All Quiet There Still—The Government Barricading the Castle.

VANCOUVER, B. C., December 15.—The Austrian steamer Arawa arrived at Victoria at 8 a. m. today. She brings the following news:

Queen Lilioukalani has not been restored and there has been no trouble in Honolulu.

Such is the news brought by the steamship Arawa, which rounded the race rock at 7 o'clock this morning, and was tied up at Victoria two hours later.

She left Honolulu Monday, December fourth, and was a fraction over seven days making the run.

From the arrival of the last reports there has been but two things of significant nature.

The annexationists had a mass meeting on Saturday, November 25, and adopted resolutions in effect appealing to congress over the address of President Cleveland, Secretary Gresham and Mr. Blount.

For four days preceding the sailing of the Arawa, the troops of the provisional government were busy fortifying the government house, or "The Castle," as formerly called.

The work was being done with sandbags principally. As the Arawa sailed from the harbor the troops could be seen from the deck of the steamer busily engaged in heaping up breastworks.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., December 17.—The steamer Australia has arrived. She brings advices from Honolulu to December 9th. The excitement was at fever heat, but up to that time there had been no change in the situation. Since December 5th no material change has taken place in the military or political attitude of the different parties. The queen's adherents are being secretly armed. The marshal is satisfied that over two hundred Winchester rifles have been worked into Honolulu in small lots from the island of Mari in the past month, and distributed among the royalists.

A vigilant watch is kept upon the royalists who express the opinion certainly that on the arrival of the Alameda Willis will carry out his instructions to reinstate the queen.

FINANCE THE ISSUE.

The Bimetallic League Maps Out a Programme for the Future.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—A. J. Warner, the president of the conference of the Bimetallic League, which has been in session here for several days, today gave out an explanatory statement of the action of the conference. The meetings of the conference have been well attended, a number of public men in congress lending it their aid by being present. The following is President Warner's statement:

It was unanimously agreed in the conference—

1. That the money question is and will continue to be the paramount issue, till it is settled rightly and on sound principles, and that it can be displaced by no other.

2. That the first battle is for the next congress.

3. That to achieve results, the silver men must not only stay silver men after they reach congress, but they must there unite, and putting silver above party, work incessantly to accomplish the object for which they were elected.

Anarchist Raids.

PARIS, December 18.—The offices of 'Anarchiste were raided today and a number of documents were seized. The Journal des Debats says that ten dynamite cartridges have been found in an omnibus in the Rue Favie.

BITS OF THE WEEK CONDENSED.

Coal shipments from Pittsburg, Pa., to the south and west last Saturday aggregated 6,000,000 bushels.

Fifteen convicts escaped from the jail at Greenville, Ala., Wednesday night. One prisoner declined to leave.

The limit of value of wearing apparel which can be brought in free is reduced in the new tariff bill from $500 to $250.

The citizens of Waco, Tex., have resolved to build a cotton palace upon an elaborate scale, to be opened Oct. 16, 1894.

The war department has awarded a contract for 5,000 pounds of smokeless powder to the powder works at Santa Cruz, Cal.

W. E. Knox has been appointed superintendent of the Alabama Mineral division of the Louisville and Nashville railroad.

The Paris police have arrested three friends of Vaillant, the chamber of deputies bomb thrower, together with eight other anarchists.

General Clement A. Evans, has formally announced himself a candidate for Governor of Georgia, subject to the democratic nomination.

More than 16,000 bales of cotton have been compressed in Birmingham, Ala., this season, which is far ahead of the record of any previous year.

A dispatch from San Francisco announces that A. D. Jones, consul general at Shanghai, China, died on a steamer at sea on the 9th instant.

The business of C. Aultman & Co., of Canton, O., manufacturers of engines, threshers and other farming implements, has gone into the hands of receivers.

Congressman Brawley, of Charleston, has been tendered the district judgeship of South Carolina, to succeed Judge Simonton recently appointed circuit judge.

Maj. D. A. Carpenter has been appointed pension agent at Knoxville, Tenn. Maj. Carpenter held the same office under President Cleveland's first administration.

Senator Hill has completed his bill for the imposition of a collateral inheritance, legacy or succession tax, and it will in all probability be submitted to congress this week.

At a meeting of the Southern Cotton Yarn mill men in Augusta an association to advance the interests of this industry in the south was organized. Temporary officers were elected.

Every indication points to a speedy adjustment of the late disturbances among the employes of the Louisville and Nashville, and the promise is that harmony will be restored within the next few days.

As returned by the state board of canvassers of New York, the senate will stand: Republicans 19, democrats 13. The assembly: Republicans 74, democrats 52. Republican majority on joint ballot 22.

At a meeting of the members of the Pittsburg Petroleum Stock and Metal exchange resolutions were passed protesting against removing the duty upon petroleum, as proposed by the new tariff bill.

The North Carolina Methodist conference, in session at Wilmington, adopted resolutions condemning foot ball and base ball, and requesting all the church schools and colleges to refrain from these games.

The following railroad earnings were reported Monday: Norfolk and Western, for the first week in December, $187,650; decrease of $31,380. Louisville and Nashville, first week in December, increase, $74,439; from July 1st to last date, decrease, $1,649,726.

The quo warranto proceedings in the supreme court against the Jacksonville city council terminated at Tallahassee in a victory for the present municipal officers, the supreme court deciding that the Australian ballot law under which they were elected was constitutional.

SOUTHERN INDUSTRIES.

Report of the Situation for the Week Ending December 11, 1893.

In its review of the industrial situation in the South for the week ending December 11, The Tradesman reports that the condition in the iron industry continues to show signs of encouragement, both by the increase in the output of furnaces in operation and the preparations which are being made to resume business on the part of furnaces which have been out of blast. The differences of opinion as to the action to be taken by congress on the tariff changes and as to the effect the proposed changes will have on southern investments prevent, for the time being, a large increase in the business. This element of uncertainty, if soon eliminated, will, in any event, change into a condition of greater prosperity, for it is generally admitted that southern iron makers can readily adapt themselves to the situation, and are well prepared to meet any issue. In other branches of manufacturing industry, as textiles, woodworking, etc., preparations are being made for an active winter's work, with favorable prospects.

Thirty-nine new industries are reported as established or incorporated during the week, together with four enlargements of manufactories and sixteen important new business ventures, prominent among the new industries of the week are the following: The Tennille Coal and Coke Company, of Charleston, W. Va., capital $100,000; Hall $200,000; the Cherry Camp Oil Company, also of Charleston, W. Va., capital $1,000,000; capital for a Southern Chemical and Fertilizer Company, of New Orleans, capital $300,000; an oil company at Charleston, W. Va., capital $100,000; a rice mill company in Vernilion Parish, La., capital $50,000; the Charleston S. C. Construction Company, capital $100,000; a lumber company at Vicksburg, Miss., capital $100,000; a saw mill at Pamunkey, Fla., capital $50,000; a brick company at Richmond, Va., capital $20,000; and the Thomas Electric Co., of Wheeling, W. Va., with $250,000 capital.

Agricultural implement works are to be built at Fort Myers, Fla.; a hardware factory at Cedar Grove, Tenn.; a cotton mill at Winnsboro, S. C.; an electric light company at Fairmont, W. Va.; a flour and grist mill at Stanford, Ky.; and Carolina Tenon and Lumber Co., at Jackson, Miss., are to be built at Tallahassee, Fla., and Charlotte, N. C., a lumber company, an iron furnace and furniture works at Birmingham, Ala., a furniture and woodworking plant at Mayfield, Ky., a hotel at Hot Springs, Ark., Fort Meade, Fla., Louisville, Ky., Rockwood, Tenn., and Black City, Va.

MARKET REPORTS

By private wire to H. W. Martin, Manager.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. Cotton: Jan. 5 [illegible]; Mar. 7.37, March 8.01.

Middling 7.15-16 nominal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Futures closed as follows: WHEAT—Dec. 66¾; CORN—Dec. 37; OATS—May 30; PORK—Jan. 8.17½; LARD—Jan. 5.42; RIBS—Jan. 5.22.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Cash quotations were as follows: Mess pork, 6.60 to 6.65; lard, 5.40; short ribs, loose, 5.37½@5.50; dry salt shoulders, boxed, 5½@5¾; short clear sides, boxed, 5.50@5.62½.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 18.—Turpentine firm at 35; [illegible]

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SUICIDE FOLLOWS ARREST.

Habel, Who Married in Newnan Recently, Takes Poison.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 15.—Early this morning Henry Habel, thirty-five years old, died here from arsenic taken in the station house last night immediately upon his arrest for bigamy. He had lived here up to last September. Eight years ago he married the daughter of a man near Lynchburg, Va. In September he deserted her and went to Charlotte, N. C. Thence he went to Newnan, Ga., where in October he married a young woman. Last Sunday Habel suddenly reappeared here. Late last night the chief of police received a telegram from Sheriff Carmichael, of Newnan, asking if a man named Henry Habel was in Raleigh, and if he was married. If so Habel was to be arrested. Arrest followed in a few minutes and Habel was placed in the station house. He said to a friend that he was drunk when he married and was not conscious of what he was doing. It appears that within a few minutes after he was placed in the stationhouse he took poison, having bought the latter during the day. It was over an hour before it was discovered that he had taken poison. Physicians tried to save him, but all efforts failed. His death was horrible and occurred in the presence of his deserted wife No 1.

SILVER MEN CONFERRING.

Planning Their Future Campaign, but not Talking Outside.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—The conference of leading silver men of the country to devise ways and means to continue the fight for free silver coinage opened today at the headquarters of the bimetallic league. Most of the familiar faces of the silver leaders were there, including General Weaver and General Field, of Iowa, Senator Stewart, of Nevada; Captain Kolb, the Alabama leader; Mortimer Whitehead, lecturer of the national grange; Moreton Frewen, the British authority on bimetallism; Colonel Beverly, of Virginia; Judge Sheldon of Connecticut, and many others. Master Workman Sovereign, of the Knights of Labor, is expected later. In all the conferees number about fifty, representing the bone and sinew of the free silver movement.

INVESTIGATION PROBABLE.

Virginia's Legislature Has to Take Some Notice of the Reports.

RICHMOND, VA., December 14.—It leaked out tonight that Mr. Withers, member of the house of delegates from Danville, proposes to introduce a resolution tomorrow providing for a joint committee to investigate the rumors that have become current as to the use of money by the railroads and others in the recent campaign to influence the election of men who would support Martin for United States senator.

Mr. Withers did not vote for either Martin or Lee, but will act, if he acts at all, upon these rumors and what he heard during the campaign about the employment of questionable methods.

A GIRL'S SUICIDE.

She Had a Quarrel with Her Brother and Shot Herself.

ROME, GA., December 15.—Miss Carrie White, a beautiful young lady sixteen or seventeen years of age, living near Rockmart, committed suicide last evening by shooting out her brains with a pistol. At the supper table she had some words with her brother, and left the table. Then was a shot, a crash, and the girl was found lying in her own blood. The family is almost crazed. No other cause for the suicide than the little quarrel with her brother can be assigned.

DAZEY'S CASE POSTPONED.

He Is Out on $20,000 Bond Until Next Spring.

NASHVILLE, TENN., December 15.—The bank trials are over for the present. Judge Sage today granted a continuance to George A. Dazey, charged with conspiracy with Frank Porterfield to defraud the Commercial National bank. The ground of the continuance was the failure of the government to give the defense ample notice of the case on which Dazey would be tried at this term of court. The witnesses for the defense were scattered from Connecticut to Texas and as the defense did not know what drafts were to be relied on by the government to make out its case they were not in position to say just what they expected to prove by each witness. They promised to be ready for trial at the next term about May and were granted a continuance. Judge Sage will be here at that time to try the cases. Dazey's bond was fixed at $20,000, which he gave. The bond of George Childress, charged with wrecking the bank at Columbia, was fixed at $10,000 and his case was continued.

Not the Same.

Mamma—Do you know what happens to little boys who get up bright and early in the morning?

Ned—Yes'm. They get awfully sleepy before lunch time.—Harper's Young People.

TOMMY'S DISCOVERY.

PUCK.

'Twas when the leaves, all gold and red,
Were lightly flitting from the bough,
That Tommy to his mother said:
"'Twill soon be Christmas now!

"I hope that Santa Claus will bring
A lot of things for me this year—
I'll be as glad as anything
When Christmas morning's here.

"I hope he'll bring a scarlet sled,
For gliding swiftly down the hill,
And that with candies green and red
My stocking long he'll fill.

"I want a little gun to pop
The kitten when she's fast asleep;
I want a pretty humming top,
I want some bleating sheep.

I want a book of fairy tales,
I want a nest of picture blocks,
I want a boat that swims with sails,
I want a jack in a box."

ONE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

This morn said Tommy, full of glee,
As to his mother dear he ran:
"Old Satna Claus indeed must be,
A very nice old man!"

Then shouting in his boundless joy,
He soon relief in dancing found,
And was indeed the happiest boy
For miles and miles around.

"I know he heard me when I told
You, mother, what I wished he'd bring."
Beneath her spectacles of gold
She smiled at such a thing.

"It's so," said Tommy, with a bound
That showed he hadn't any cares;
"The toys I wished for I just found
'Way up the garret stairs."

Christmas Plums.

Christmas week makes weak pocketbooks.

Better a paid pork chop than a fat turkey on "tick."

The man who quarrels with his wife on Christmas day is worse than a horse thief.

Blessed are the babies on Christmas day; they can be put off with cheap candy.

It is sad to note that the average Christmas stocking is longer than most purses.

If you must give the boy a drum give him a drum of figs; he'll make hole in it quicker.

The old saying that "hanging is too good for them" is never understood to apply to Christmas stockings.

There are no Christmas presents the tradesman gives with better grace than receipted bills. Give him a chance.

The head of the family expends many dollars on presents and receives two handkerchiefs and a pair of mitts. Then is the time to be merry.

A flat purse means a stout Christmas tree.

It's a foolish girl who "kicks" her beau before Christmas.

The small boy cannot be judged by his conduct on Christmas eve.

The Rain Saint.

St. Swithun lived in the ninth century. He was chaplain to King Egbert, tutor of Alfred the Great, and died bishop of Winchester. He was buried in the churchyard of the cathedral. They made a saint of him and built a shrine to his memory in the cathedral. When this was finished it was resolved in 971 to remove his remains from the churchyard and reinter them in the shrine. The saint seemed to object to being disturbed, for an old writer says that he "protested weeping." In other words, the 15th of July, on which the ceremony took place, was a wet day. Out of this simple occurrence arose in later years the well-known legend that if it rained on St. Swithun's day (July 15) it would rain for forty days afterwards. Perhaps we ought to be thankful that the inventor of the story did not make it eighty days. We are likely to be still more thankful that the tale has no foundation in fact.

Bodes Ill for the Girls.

Forty young society men of Chattanooga have bound themselves together in an oathbound organization, so it is alleged, to cut down personal expenses by declining all invitations to social functions during the coming season. The motto is: "Look out for the pennies; the girls can take care of themselves."