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INSURGENTS AND DEMOCRATS CONTROL.

Battle to Elect New Committee on Rules and Eliminate the Speaker.

Washington, March 18.—At 12 minutes before 5 o'clock to-night the House of Representatives adjourned until tomorrow after one of the greatest parliamentary struggles in its history. The result is nothing more or less than a drawn battle. When the final roll-call came, 164 Republicans voted to postpone further action on the resolution offered by Representative Norris to-morrow, and 150 Democrats and insurgent Republicans voted to continue. With the regular Republicans voted 14 of the insurgent following of Norris, Nebraska, who left him and sided with the majority for a postponement. The result, they said, conveyed no significance and meant anything else than that they had deserted the insurgent cause. The lull in the long battle came with an apparent welcome to both sides, although there was not a cheer of victory from either. The hands of the big clock above the Speaker's desk pointed to the hour of 4:48 when the Speaker put the motion to adjourn and a general chorus of ayes came from the Republican side. The Democrats made no protest and there was no answer to the call for the noes.

The House for the first time in the present session had almost its full membership on the floor. When the Speaker's gavel fell, the members rose wearily from their seats and filed out through the littered aisles and in five minutes the scene of the record-breaking endurance struggle was cleared of its principals, the galleries were emptied of the hundreds of spectators who have occupied them constantly for nearly thirty hours, and only a score or so of janitors moved about cleaning up the evidences of the fray. "They may agree upon something that we Democrats can also stand for but I don't believe it. If they get together on something that we don't believe in, we will fight it, and you can depend on that."

Upon Mr. Clark has fallen the great burden of the battle for the past two days from the Democratic side and he showed the effects of the long strain.

Representative Underwood was specific as to what attitude the Democrats might be expected to take when the House convenes to-morrow.

"If the regulars and insurgents come together upon any basis which does not provide for the election of a new committee on rules by the House and the elimination of the Speaker from that committee, the Democrats will oppose it to a man," he said.

Land That Has Never Changed Title.

The 88-acre tract of land on which Joseph Bennett lives, a mile and a half north of Wingate, has never changed title or been transferred except by inheritance since it was granted by the government to one settler from Virginia by the name of Chestnut about the year 1720. Mr. Bennett, who now owns and lives on the land, was born and reared and passed his life up to his present age of 82 on the place, as did his father before him to the age of seventy. Mr. Bennett is the father of eighteen children, twelve of whom grew up on the place. It is not likely that there is another tract in the county with such a record.—Monroe Journal.

An Awful Eruption

of a volcano excites brief interest, and your interest in skin eruptions will be as short, if you use Bucklen's Arnica Salve, their quickest cure. Even the worst boils, ulcers, or fever sores are soon healed by it. Best for Burns, Cuts, Bruises, Sore Lips, Chapped Hands, Chills and Piles. It gives instant relief. 25c. at all Druggists.

REPUDIATION OF CANNONISM.

Norris Resolution Passes Amid Scenes Without a Parallel in Nation's History.

Washington, March 19.—Joseph Gurney Cannon of Danville, Ill., is still Speaker of the House of Representatives. But he lost today the ancient prestige and weapon of that office when the allied Republican insurgents and Democrats took from him not only the chairmanship of, but even membership in, the all-powerful committee on rules, the chief asset in his stock of power. Amid scenes of wildest disorder, for the like of which one must go back to the exciting days just prior to the civil war—perhaps even those times might not duplicate it—the veteran Speaker, almost 74 years old, stood erect and defiant, his head "bloodied but unbowed." And at the end when a big Texan Democrat accepted the Speaker's daring challenge and introduced a resolution to fling him out of the speakership, the Republicans, regulars and insurgents with few exceptions, rallied with almost unbroken party front and gave him a vote which almost offset the "repudiation of Cannonism."

This is what happened: By a vote of 181 to 155, the Republican insurgents voting solidly with the Democrats the House adopted the resolution of Representative Norris (Republican) of Nebraska, requiring a reorganization of the rules committee, increasing its membership from 5 to 10, and declaring the Speaker ineligible to membership therein.

By the curiously identical vote of 191 to 155—but with a decidedly different personnel of alignment—the House defeated a resolution of Representative Burleson of Texas, declaring the speakership vacant and ordering an immediate election of a successor to Mr. Cannon.

Here is the Norris resolution which was adopted:

"There shall be a committee on rules, elected by the House (hitherto the committee of five, like all other House committees, has been appointed by the Speaker) consisting of ten members, six of whom shall be members of the majority party, and four of whom shall be members of the minority party. The Speaker shall not be a member of the committee and the committee shall elect its own chairman from its own members. Resolved further, That within ten days after the adoption of this resolution there shall be an election of this committee and immediately upon its election the present committee on rules shall be dissolved."

Here is the resolution of Representative Burleson, which was defeated:

"Resolved, That the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives is hereby declared to be vacant and the House of Representatives shall at once proceed to the election of a Speaker."

Speaker Cannon to-night declined to comment upon the extraordinary events of the day. He was in his office surrounded by three or four loyal friends when a newspaper reporter approached him and asked what he had to say about his "victory."

"Oh, nothing at all, I guess. There isn't any comment for me to make. Besides, you will have your papers full in the morning anyway, and you don't need any comment from me."

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CONCORD AND CASARRUS COUNTY.

Bottle Drink Vending Machine. School to Close. Death of Mrs. Johnson.

Concord Times, March 14-17.

The No. 1 plant of the Odell mill is being torn away to give room for the new mill that is being erected by the Locke Cotton Mills Co.

At a meeting of the school board yesterday afternoon it was definitely decided that the school would close May 6. There has been much interest here as to the time the schools would close, as the school board was considering the advisability of closing them several weeks earlier this year and not borrow any money from the next year's appropriation.

Charlie Jones and W. B. Dorton, of the Brown mill, have invented a bottle drink vending machine. The machine is so arranged that you drop a nickel in it and get a bottle of most any kind of soft drink including coca cola, pepsi-cola, etc. Those who have seen the machine work pronounce it a great success. Mr. Jones and his attorney, J. F. Newell, are now in Washington, where the machine is in the patent office. They will no doubt be successful in securing a patent and the young men will very probably realize handsome profits from their invention.

Mrs. W. Reese Johnson died suddenly to-day about 10:15 o'clock at her home on Church street, and the news was a great surprise and shock to her many friends. Mrs. Johnson was first taken sick last Tuesday, having fallen in the floor at her home while in the discharge of her household duties. Her condition improved during the week, but on Friday she had a relapse. She had gotten much better from this attack and this morning ate some breakfast and seemed much brighter. Shortly after 10 o'clock her grand-daughter, Miss May Litaker, who had gone to the kitchen for something, heard Mrs. Johnson fall, and at once ran to her. She found her lying on the floor, gasping for breath. She called Mrs. J. L. Beger, who came at once, but Mrs. Johnson died a few moments after. Her death was caused by heart failure. Mrs. Johnson was 70 years of age and leaves her husband and three children.

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WHY HORSES GET SICK IN THE SPRING.

A Little Extra Attention to Your Work Stock Now Will Pay You Well.

The first hot days of spring are always depressing, and it is little wonder that horses with soft muscles and over-loaded stomachs, when called upon to perform tasks which would tax the endurance of well-trained animals, frequently succumb. Every spring, about two or three weeks after the starting of the spring work, we are flooded with inquiries something like the following:

"I have a horse that is not standing his work well. He seems to tire quickly, is losing flesh rapidly, and does not have much appetite for his corn. What can I do for him?"

Nothing short of greatly reduced labor and careful handling will restore such a horse to his full capacity for service. In fact, much less care, exercised for a shorter time, in the beginning of the season, would have prevented the trouble that is afterward required to correct it. This reduced efficiency is enough to alone justify a thorough preparation of the work stock for the spring season of hard labor; but many animals are also permanently injured or lost through death, each spring as a result of so-called colic, foundering, overheating, etc.

Before the hard work of preparing the land is begun in the spring, all animals that have been idle during the winter or only had light or irregular exercise should be given the following preparation: The long coat of hair which collects dust, causes the animal to sweat freely and does not dry out readily should be removed by clipping. In case this is not done, the animal should be thoroughly groomed at least once a day and rubbed dry when put in the stable each night. The ration should be increased and probably changed, but at least two weeks should be taken to get the work stock on full feed. Any good feeder knows that it takes about three weeks to get a bunch of steers on full feed and certainly a hard-working horse or mule should not be forced to a full ration in less time. During the time the animal is being accustomed to the change and increase of the ration, his work should also be such as to gradually accustom and harden his muscles to the severe work required of them later. See that the ration is properly balanced; add a little cottonseed meal if the ration consists of corn fodder and corn. The work required of an animal that has been idle for several months and that is having its feed changed, should not, to begin with say for the first week, be more than one-fourth or one-third that required of the well-trained animal.—Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer and Gazette.

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\$50,000,000 FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS.

Uncle Sam Wants to Standardize Shipment of Apples and Other Fruits.

Washington, D. C., March 21.—Special.—Uncle Sam is formulating a measure to protect the consumer of apples from the dishonest orchardists, who in the past have been in the habit of "facing" the tops and bottoms of the barrels or boxes containing the fruit, with fancy stock and filling in the remainder with "culls." The idea is, too, to establish a uniform standard as to the size of a box or barrel which may be used in shipping apples from one state to another, so that the buyers may know just what he is getting, in the way of quantity, when he purchases a barrel or a box of fruit.

The committee on Agriculture has recently given growers, packers, shippers and commission men ample opportunity to express their views on the pending bill, introduced by Mr. Lafean of Pennsylvania and these hearings have developed the fact that all interested in apple growing in the Eastern, Middle and Southern sections of the country are satisfied with the proposition to establish standard grades and standard packages. Only from the north-west has any protest arisen. The apple growers of the Pacific and adjoining states send to market apples which are as a rule much larger in size than those grown farther east. They pack their product in boxes which, while uniform in size, do not necessarily contain a bushel. The bill provides that barrels must contain a bushel. The bill provides that barrels must contain three bushels and that boxes must hold a third of a barrel.

The bill when reported will, in all probability, fix a standard of U. S. grades. Apples two and a half inches in diameter may be marked "U. S. Grade A," those two and a quarter inches "U. S. Grade B" and those only two inches in diameter "U. S. Grade C." Apples less than two inches in diameter are not to be graded at all and if anyone cares to buy them he will do so with his eyes open and without a government guarantee as to grade. The bill, if enacted, will not only protect the home consumer but will go far towards re-establishing the reputation of American apples, which has suffered severely in recent years, in the markets of Europe.

State's First Legal Execution.

Raleigh, March 18.—Eighteen hundred volts of electricity, four times applied, to-day ended the mortal existence of Walter Morrison, colored, of Robeson county, who paid the penalty for a criminal assault upon a woman of the Croatan Indian race, his life being the first taken by the State under the new law providing the method of capital punishment by electrocution in North Carolina.

Apparently without realization of the fate that was imminent, the condemned man entered the death chamber supported by a guard on either side and sprang piteously to the Almighty to save him from a death he had confessed he deserved. He offered no resistance, and as he took his seat in the electric chair a priest of the Catholic faith fell upon his knees and recited prayers of absolution for the soul that was taking its flight. Within one minute from the time Morrison entered the death chamber the deadly current was turned on and seven minutes later the limp and lifeless body was removed from the chair and delivered to the undertaker. Twenty-three citizens of the State, exclusive of officials, witnessed the execution of the law's grim mandate.—Special to Charlotte Observer.

Get the Machinery Ready now.

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A MOON-LIGHT SCHEDULE.

Arc Lights Will Only Burn on Dark Nights. Mr. Julian's Resignation Accepted.

The city board of Aldermen, at a regular meeting on Thursday night, received and accepted the resignation of Chief of Police D. W. Julian, which was tendered some time ago because of ill health. The election of his successor was postponed until the next meeting.

A new contract for city lights was made upon a moonlight schedule, which means that on moonlight nights the electric lights will not be turned on. This will mean a saving of \$1,500 per month to the city, which has been paying \$75 per month for each arc light. By the new contract we get them for \$60, and as there are 92 of them, the saving is quite an item. The new arrangement is to be effective April 1st.

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