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THE FIRST COST.

The McKinley tariff bill will be rushed through the House next Wednesday with a whoop, for it has been decided by the caucus that it shall be passed as it came from the committee without any material amendment, but when it gets to the Senate it will strike some snags.

Mr. Reed, inflated by the importance which has attached to him since he became Autocrat of the House, has Presidential aspirations, so has Mr. McKinley. There are some Senators, too, who have Presidential aspirations, like Allison and Sherman, who will not be averse to seeing this House monstrosity picked to pieces and the pin-feathers plucked out of Reed and McKinley.

It was taken for granted throughout the country that this bill would pass the House as it came from the committee, a conclusion that was confirmed by the adoption of the gag rule before the debate began, and hence there was no effort made outside of Congress to try to defeat it or change the predetermined result.

But all the time the Republicans were trifling and playing chuck-a-luck with this great question in the House the importers in various cities of the country were organizing to bring influence to bear upon the Senate and defeat its passage.

When the matter has free diamonds and a bounty on coconuts he ought to be perfectly willing to step up and pay 116 per cent. duty on lamp chimneys.

MINOR MENTION.

Friday was a sort of a circus day in the House of Representatives. The fun began when Mr. Henderson, Republican, of Iowa, pricking up courage from bold Ben Butterworth's onslaught on the McKinley bill last Tuesday, asked some questions when Mr. McKinley offered an amendment increasing the duty on lamp chimneys.

Mr. McKinley didn't know that he had many lamp chimneys were imported and the number manufactured in this country. Mr. McKinley didn't know that either Mr. Henderson then asked what was the relative proportion between the number of lamp chimneys imported and the number manufactured in this country.

The Senators are warming up on the silver question. The aggressive and uncompromising attitude of Senators Jones and Teller, who practically demand free coinage, is the rock on which they are splitting.

The Louisiana State Lottery Company must be doing a pretty good business when it offers to pay for the State a million dollars a year for a renewal of its charter for twenty-five years.

Mr. McKinley will be delighted when the tariff business is wound up in the House for then he won't have to tell any more what he don't know about lamp chimneys.

LIGHTNING'S WORK.

The Residence of Mr. A. D. Brown Set on Fire During the Storm Yesterday Morning. During the violent storm early yesterday morning the residence of Mr. A. D. Brown, on Fifth street near Orange, was set on fire by lightning. It was about half-past two o'clock when the family was discovered.

The house was insured for \$2,500 in the Ogea, of Hartford, Conn. Messrs. Atkinson & Manning agents, and \$1,500 in the North American, with Messrs. Northrop, Hodges & Taylor. There was also insurance on the furniture for \$2,000 in the Connecticut, with Messrs. Smith & Boatwright. There is no estimate of the loss; but will probably be covered by the insurance.

The Grand Lodge. Oxford the Next Place of Meeting—Officers Elected—Fraternal Greetings—Final Adjournment. The Grand Lodge met yesterday morning pursuant to adjournment, but the only business of public interest transacted was the selection of Oxford as the next place of meeting in May next.

The Trustees of the Orphan Asylum reported the sum of \$2,100 in hand. At the night session the following officers were elected and duly installed by Grand Sir C. M. Busbee.

Grand Master—J. H. Pool. Deputy Grand Master—J. F. Bruton. Grand Warden—J. D. Bellamy. Grand Secretary—B. H. Woodell. Grand Treasurer—R. J. Jones. Grand Conductor—E. T. Crews. Grand Marshal—J. B. Dean. Grand Guardian—F. W. Ritter. Grand Herald—J. F. Willford. Grand Chaplain—Rev. J. J. Hall.

The matter of an Orphan Asylum was laid over until the next meeting, when a place will be selected as a location for the same. A telegram was received from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, now in session, extending fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and a telegram was sent in reply making proper acknowledgment of the courtesy.

Most of the visiting members will take their departure for home to-day, but the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary will remain over to appoint district deputies.

SAD ACCIDENT.

Mr. Fred Metts Drowned—The Body Recovered. Mr. Fred Metts, engineer of the small freight steamer Enterprise, which runs between Wilmington and points on Northeast river, fell overboard from the boat Friday afternoon, in Long Creek, and was drowned before assistance could reach him.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 5 o'clock from St. James' Church. Mr. Metts had been engineer of the steamer Enterprise for two or three months. He was a brother of Capt. Jas. I. Metts of this city, and was about 43 years of age.

A Colored Girl Charged with Appropriating Her People's Eggs. Mr. John Carr, living in the neighborhood of Acorn Branch, a few miles north of the city, has been losing hogs for some time past, and although he was satisfied that his porkers were stolen had never been able "to come up" with the thieves. Yesterday, however, he found some fresh pork on sale in a butcher's stall in Fifth Street Market bearing his "mark."

ASHEVILLE, May 18.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Asheville, N. C., opened at 11 o'clock. Services were opened by singing the doxology and a prayer by Dr. H. G. Hill, the retiring Moderator, who then preached a sermon from Isaiah vi, 1, 2, the theme being "The Earthly Mission of the Church."

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THE PRESBYTERIANS.

The report of the Permanent Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath was referred to a special committee. It expressed regret that the Committee had nothing of an encouraging nature to report.

One hundred and twenty-nine commissioners are present and all the States are represented. Among the prominent persons not able to be present are those from whom letters of regret were received, were the following: J. H. Inman, New York; Andrew Ridd, Baltimore; Wendell Prim, editor of the New York Observer; editor of the Central Presbyterian, Richmond, Va.; Gen. Rufus Barringer, Charlotte, N. C.; Hon. Wm. Wirt Henry, Richmond, Va.; Wm. W. Williams, Rev. Peyton H. Hoag and B. F. Hall, Wilmington, N. C.

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religious services, the Committee on Revisions made a report, recommending the election of two Bishops—one to take the place of Bishop McViere, and the other the Bishop of a new see to be created.

The Committee on Revisions made majority and minority reports on the question of permitting laymen to be represented on all committees of the Church, the minority being in favor and the majority against the proposition.

The Committee on Publishing Interests recommended the establishment of a Church organ on the Pacific coast. A memorial was read from Dr. Marshall, of Vicksburg, Miss., recommending the distribution of a healthy church literature of a light nature.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE. Henderson Gold Leaf: It is with sincere regret that we learn of the death of Mr. Edward M. Henderson, a gentleman who well and favorably known in Henderson. He died in Richmond, Va., of typhoid fever, after a sickness of ten days, last Monday, 13th inst.

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