

The Weekly Star. ALASKAN BILL IN THE SENATE. Stewart of Nevada Talked for Three Hours About the Mining Laws. LIVELY TIME IN THE HOUSE.

Naval Appropriation Bill Under Consideration—Sensational Colloquy Between Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Williams of Mississippi.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, April 18.—During almost the entire session of the Senate today the Alaskan Civil Code bill was under consideration. In this connection Mr. Stewart, Nevada, delivered an address of nearly three hours upon the mining laws of the United States and their relation to the proposed amendment of Senator Hansbrough as to the rights of alien locators of claims.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Grosvenor, who had joined in the debate, if it was not true that the President had changed his mind on the Porto Rican question.

There was considerable fencing, Mr. Wheeler, Kentucky, taking a hand in the fight to force the bill. At last Mr. Grosvenor made an allusion to Mr. Williams' method of interrupting him, which the latter resented with an emphasis that portended a personal attack.

Does the gentleman deny that the President has changed his mind? asked Mr. Kitchin, Democrat of North Carolina, addressing Mr. Grosvenor.

As soon as it became manifest to the President that money had to be raised in some way and that the Ways and Means Committee of this House had brought in a tariff bill providing for fifteen per cent. or twenty-five per cent. duty on imports.

The gentleman says the President bows to the will of Congress, interposed Mr. Wheeler. In the debate on the Porto Rican question, the gentleman appealed to his colleagues to support the pending bill.

Mr. Grosvenor—I say so now. Mr. Wheeler—He changed his opinion. Mr. Grosvenor—I say he did not change his opinion in any material respect, he simply changed from the original idea of free trade to what was almost the condition of free trade, and that is the measure before the country.

Senator Platt, Connecticut, suggested that as there was a desire to amend the war revenue act, the information should cover its entire operation. The resolution went over.

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Mr. Chairman, he said speaking with deliberation, as a man grows older he has less to say, and I have said something today. I will never again, while a member of the American Congress, undertake to ask a question of any member on this floor who does not answer personally in his own ordinary courtesies of human intercourse.

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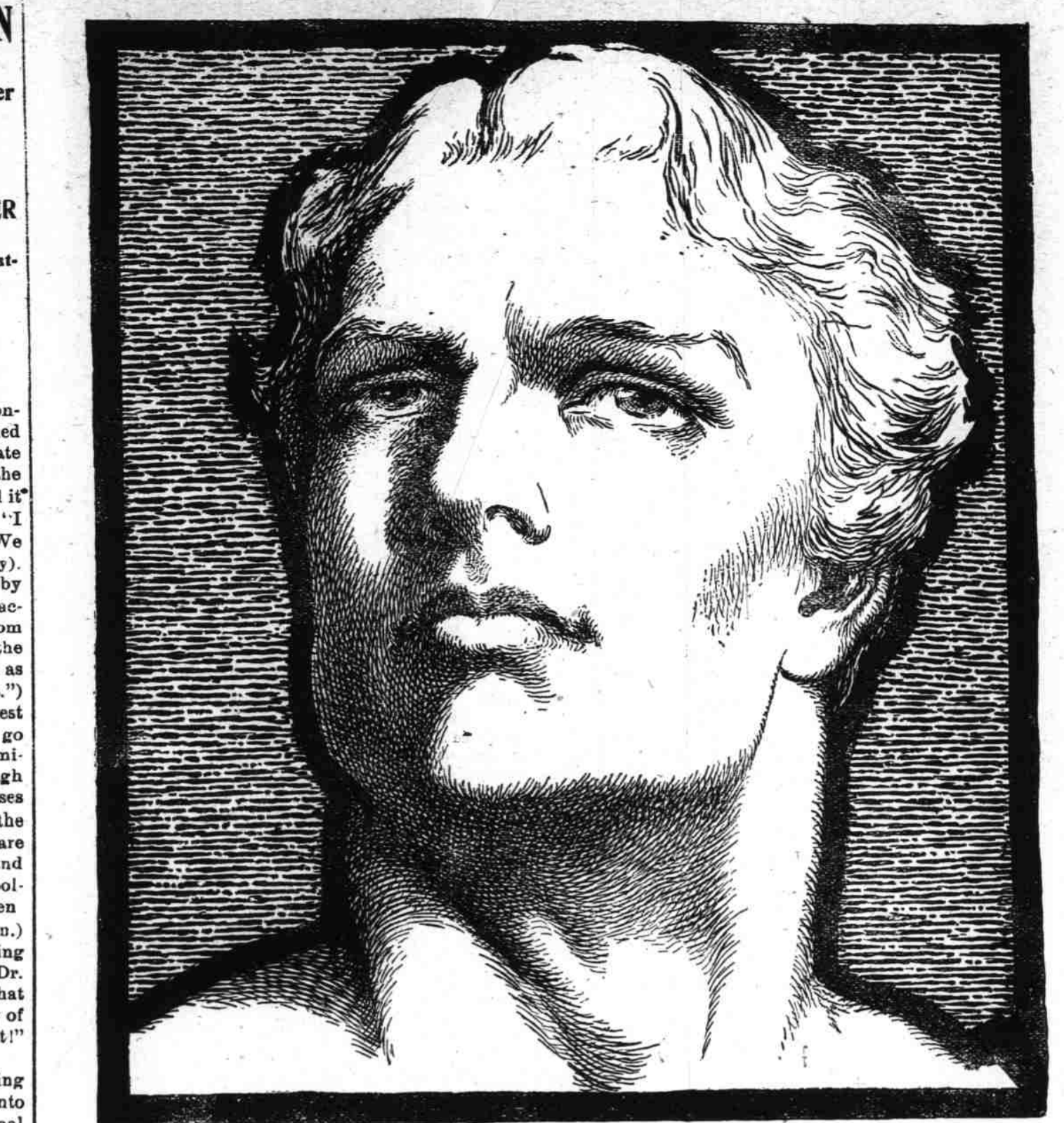
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