

ONLY two more weeks remain for our legislators to help to save the country, and then the places which now know them will know some of them no more forever.

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Our Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20, 1891.

Quite a political sensation has followed the announcement of Senator Gorman, whose political astuteness cannot be gainsaid, that he was not and would not under any combination of circumstances be a candidate before the democratic national convention next year, and that he favored the nomination of ex-President Cleveland as the strongest and most available man, and proposed to do all in his power to get him nominated.

It seems strange that three democratic voters should have cast their votes for such a palpable job, as that contained in the Senate amendment to the diplomatic appropriation bill, which gives a subsidy of \$3,000,000 to the company, which as yet only exists on paper, that proposes to lay a cable between San Francisco and the Sandwich Islands, but they did. It is not believed that the House will concur in the amendment, at any rate no democrat should vote to do a thing so foreign to all the principles of the democratic party.

Ramers have been flying this last week about the new Secretary of the Treasury, One day it was Representative Cannon, the next Charles and today it is ex-Gov. (Clyde) Charley. Ex-Gov. Ohio. It is believed that Mr. Harrison is determined upon the man, and his nomination is looked for every day.

Senator Quay's much advertised speech of vindication fell as flat in the Senate as one of Senator Bland's educational burlesques, and he has gone to Florida to seek consolation in fishing.

The general deficiency bill is this year \$29,000,000. Is it strange that the surplus has disappeared? The international copyright bill has been passed by the Senate with several amendments, which makes it becoming a law at this session very doubtful.

Mr. Harrison and all of his cabinet, except Secretary Proctor, went to New York to attend Gen. Sherman's funeral. They returned to Washington last night.

The republicans in the House are so much alarmed lest the wicked democrats should interfere with their plans during the closing rush of the session that telegraphic appeals have been sent to all absent republicans begging them to come home and remain until the end of the session. What they are especially wanted for is to pass the subsidy shipping bill, which is opposed by nearly all the democrats.

Representative-elect Jerry Simpson, and several of his Farmers' Alliance colleagues in the next house, are in town. They are the recipients of a great deal of attention at the capital.

The House committee on Commerce today reported the free coinage bill to the House, but the general report seems to be that its final success is not getting it into the House, but they intend to try very hard to do so.

Senator Plumb departing of getting his joint resolution, providing for the transfer of the employees of the Census Bureau to the classified departmental service without the formality of a civil service examination, has offered it as an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill.

It is commented upon rather unfavorably that Congress did not adjourn the day of Admiral Porter's funeral.

Probably the most disagreeable legislative duty ever performed by Senator Ingalls was the presentation by him this week of the credentials of John A. Peffer, Senator elect from the state of Kansas for the term beginning March 4, next.

Notwithstanding the almost daily reiteration of the charge that some 500 men in the neighborhood of one fourth of the enormous amount of money paid out by the Census Bureau is paid on fraudulent claims no republican in or out of Congress has proposed an investigation for the purpose of purging the rolls of such names as may be shown to be such fraudulently. This, as well as other things will be thoroughly looked into by the next House.

Flood at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 22.—At 6 o'clock tonight the Ohio river at Cincinnati stood 51 feet 4 inches above low water, and was rising one inch an hour. The rise below Cincinnati is not correspondingly rapid, as the lowest tributaries have not been flooded, though the Kentucky river is pouring out a moderate freshet.

Business men are here preparing for a rise of not over fifty six feet and six inches from the present foot. It is expected that the maximum stage will be reached here by 6 o'clock tomorrow night, and that then the river will remain stationary till 6 o'clock on Tuesday night, when it will begin to fall.

Riverside, a beautiful suburb of Parkersburg, containing about a thousand inhabitants, was overflowed by the Kanawha river. Several houses have been swept down the river, and many others have toppled over, but many are still standing and bating their heads with the swift torrent.

In the second story of one house were two families huddled together in three rooms, and in the fourth was a sick man and his little girl. The water had entered above the windows of the first story, and a pair of the father's arms would probably have supported the child. These people, although they had been given some attention by the red committee, had been suffering greatly from lack of food, pure water and medical attention.

In many other houses, fortunate enough to have two stories, similar groups were crowded in the upper story. Many of them had been there confined for four days. On the tops of many houses and furniture and other property. Driven from one story to the other, the food became their only retreat.

One man, anxious to save his two cows, by which he made a living, had put them in his garret, and as the water came up and almost drowned them, his efforts to rescue them were extremely fruitless.

Several other cows from drowning were reported, but no lives have yet been lost. In some instances on the other side of the Kanawha, the buildings were damaged by people who were driven from their homes. A great many people are, despite the efforts to remove them, actually suffering from the lack of food and fuel. In many cases, persons were driven from their homes during the night, and were compelled to leave their clothes behind.

The loss of property in Parkersburg will be enormous, as there is scarcely a business house or factory that is not more or less submerged, and many families have lost their all. From the top of Fort Bowen there is not an acre of land to be seen with an inch of water.

The historic Burnetts Island, long a favorite resort, is now almost entirely submerged. The best view of the tall trees being a sight. The floating mill, bowing under its own weight, is in the Kanawha. There is a great deal of property on the island, and many families spent the night on the hills in the surrounding country. Here, as at Riverside, great loss was sustained. Populous suburbs are deserted and the people are wandering about homeless and many with their little all destroyed.

Collision in a Tunnel.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—There was a collision at 7 o'clock this morning between two trains in the Fourth Avenue tunnel at Thirty-sixth street. What is known as the "93rd" consisting of empty cars, was being driven to the Matt Haven yard when, for some reason as yet unexplained, it came to a stop in the tunnel. Train No. 10, the New Haven local, which left the Grand Central Depot at 7 o'clock this morning in charge of Engineer Fowler, Pittman Goodell and Conductor George Hutchinson, ran into the rear of the standing "shop train." The work of rescue began at half past ten o'clock. Five dead and seven injured have been removed.

The injured were taken to the Presbyterian Hospital, none of the passengers are known to be among the killed or injured. They are all believed to be employees of the road. Passengers on the New Haven train were badly shaken up, but beyond some slight cuts and bruises none were badly hurt.

Gen. Thos. P. Drayton, an ex-Congressman and the last survivor of President Davis' class at West Point, died a few days ago at Florence, S. C.

Representative Wickham, of Ohio, Chairman of the House Committee on Commerce, has submitted to the House, by authority of the majority of the Committee, an adverse report on the Senate bill for the free coinage of silver.

A Kansas City dispatch says Fred creek Warner, a fisherman, lived with his wife and five children on the bank of the river, but the flood undermined the house Saturday night, and it fell into the river. The whole family were drowned.

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