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PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has appointed President Winston, of the State University, a member of the commission to examine and test the fitness and weight of the coins issued by the mints.

IN THE HEREAFTER

[Mr. Holman addressed the committee. His remarks will appear hereafter.] [Mr. Lucas addressed the committee. His remarks will appear hereafter.] [Mr. Tucker addressed the committee. His remarks will appear hereafter.]

If members of the House could know with how much disfavor the withholding of their speeches "for revision" is looked upon by their constituents, they would institute a reform.

The Record of Congress should be a real record of the daily proceedings—not, in any part, of those of a week or two past.

THE POOR MAN'S TURN.

The passage yesterday of the Wilson bill by the lower house of Congress, by the unexpected majority of 63 votes, with the income tax feature attached, will cause the Democratic pulse of the country to quicken perceptibly.

That a tax on incomes will remain as the fixed policy of the government is hardly probable. It will doubtless prove an expedient for an urgent need.

For thirty years national legislation has been in the interest of the rich and against the poor. It cannot be called injustice that the nation, now that its treasury is depleted should ask that the men who have grown wealthy by its help should come to its aid and contribute of their abundant surplus to the relief of the government that has grown poor in making them rich.

The Republicans have taxed the many for over a quarter of a century that the few might get rich; the Democrats now propose to tax the rich few awhile in order that the many poor may have a chance.

The senate now has the bill and the fate of the Democratic party in its hands. If it does not want to hear the howl of old slaves singing the liveliest tune that ever fell upon the ear of a listening people, it would do well to get to work and pass the bill promptly.

The poor man must have a show. The many are clamoring for their incomes. The wheels of the Democratic hand wagon have begun to move. If the dignified senators desire to hear the music they had best get aboard by doing this work quickly.

The repeal of the 10 per cent tax on State banks will add several States more to the procession.

QUIGG.

It is perfectly natural that the Republicans should undertake to get all the consolation possible from the fact that a Republican was elected to Congress from the Fourteenth New York district, as the special election held on Tuesday, last fall. Col. John R. Fellows, Democrat, was elected from this district over his Republican opponent by a 825 majority, and on Tuesday, Quigg, the Republican, had a majority over Brown, his Democratic opponent, of 984. This looks tremendous. But when it is stated that Quigg received 3,876 votes less on Tuesday than his party predecessor, the sound is taken out of the Republican whoop.

Brown, Quigg's Democratic opponent, lacked 13,685 of receiving as many votes on Tuesday as Col. Fellows received in November. In other words, more Democrats stayed at home than voted, and if they had felt interest enough to come out, the Republican candidate would have been defeated by 12,701 this year instead of 8,825 as was the case last year. As to just why these Democrats did not come out, there may be as many different opinions as there were stay at home voters.

One thing is certain, these voters knew that by staying away from the polls they in no way jeopardized the principles for which they voted last fall. The Democratic majority in Congress is large enough, and these voters doubtless thought they would make more money by attending to business on Tuesday than by voting. And it is simply possible that they might have been anxious to decorate the Congressional payroll with the beautiful name of Lemuel Elv Quigg for the short space of 22 months!

Here is what Peter Cooper, who lived to be over 90 years old and died worth many millions, said of a newspaper: "In all towns where a newspaper is published every man should advertise in it, if nothing more than a card stating his name and the business he is in. It not only pays the ADVERTISER, but it lets the people at a distance know that the town in which you reside is a prosperous community of business men. As the seed is sown so the seed recompenses. Never pull down your sign while you expect to do business."

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BRYAN ON THE INCOME TAX.

From the Home Debates. As Mr. Cockran ceased speaking there was a burst of applause, and numbers hurried from all parts of the chamber to congratulate him. Foremost among them were the leading advocates of the income tax. It was several minutes before order was restored and Mr. Bryan of Nebraska could take up the game where Mr. Cockran left off.

"It was a contest of oratory," he said, "no one would enter the arena with the gentleman from New York. But I believe that the pebbles of truth will be more effective than the weapons of wrong, even when they are wielded by such a giant among the Philistines."

Mr. Bryan went over the usual arguments in favor of the income tax, very eloquently and amidst applause. The charge that it was sectional he met by saying, "If this tax of its one section only it is because that section has all the wealth of the country."

He cited the story in last Sunday's Wright of Hattie Green, with an income of \$3,000,000, living in the commonest way.

"That woman," he said, "does not pay as much to the support of the government as the poorest laborer with a family of children." (Applause.)

"If the gentleman is right and taxation is a badge of freedom, then the tolling mimes a plastered all over with freedom (Laughter). The gentleman from New York says that he speaks for the poor. Is it not enough for him to betray the poor without doing it with a kiss?" (Applause.) He says that the rich do not oppose the tax. Let me call his attention to the New York Chamber of Commerce. Is that a body of poor men?

It had a special meeting to pass resolutions denouncing this bill, in which they say that the income tax was repealed immediately after the war by unanimous consent. If all the facts in their resolution are as true as that, I have not much of an opinion of the gentleman who drew them up. The most casual examination would have shown them that the Income Tax Repeal bill passed the Senate by only one majority, and that it was opposed by such men as Senator Sherman, Senator Morton of Indiana, Senator Howe of Wisconsin, and in the House by "Dion" Yo-rice, Mr. Holman, Roger Q. Mills and others of that class. If the rich are in favor of the tax why does not all opposition come from the members that represent the rich districts?"

Mr. Bryan produced the blanks used for the assessment of personal taxes in New York to show that the tax was more injurious than the income tax. Quoting again from the World, Mr. Bryan read extracts from Ward Mc Allister's opinions on the income tax and ridiculed the idea that rich people were going to leave the country if such a tax was imposed.

"And where will they go?" he asked. "Not to England, for there is more than a 2 per cent tax there. Not to Prussia, or Switzerland, nor Italy or Austria. They all have still heavier income taxes. Who could be so stupid?"

"To Honolulu," volunteered some one, and another voice suggested Monte Carlo.

Closing with an eloquent reiteration, Mr. Bryan said: "If there be those who owe their money so little that they can work with a hoe and sweat it out, to carry it to glory in their ears, the time has begun. 'Breathes there a man with soul so dead?'"

Mr. Bryan is a fine educationist, and he drew much feeling into the relation of the well known saying. As it was the first time they had made their appearance in this debate, they were very well received, and as the last line, "Howe, unwhommed and unsmung," rang through the chamber, there came a great burst of applause, which after a moment, changed in cheers and shouts. The members of the floor rushed over to congratulate Mr. Bryan, and the confusion was so great that the house adjourned, although it was still ten minutes before the regular time.

THE R. D. AULTMAN BUREAU. From the States of Maryland. To see Democratic pressurers in North Carolina, proving "good" in opposition to the passage of a measure for which the party has been clamoring for years and that "evil" set out by a railroad corporation, too, suggests well it suggests all sorts of unpleasant things.

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