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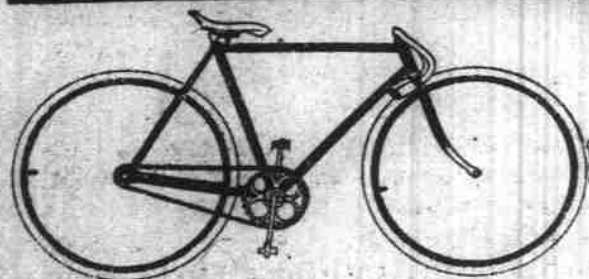
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WASHINGTON LETTER.

President McKinley's Attitude Towards the Cuban Question.

The Navy to be Well Represented
at the Inaugural Parade
next Monday.

Prospects of the Various Bills now Before Congress—Fight over Democratic Leadership in the House.

Washington, Feb. 25.—President McKinley does not particularly favor the idea of having congress lay down conditions for the acceptance of the constitutional convention of Cuba, in advance of the action of that convention, which is now considering a supplementary declaration, setting forth the relations that shall exist between Cuba and the United States, although he is not opposing the attempt that is now being made in that direction with the hope of escaping an extra session of congress. The president's plan is to take no action on the Cuban constitution, which General Wood has been instructed not to forward officially to Washington, until the convention has acted upon the supplementary declaration it is now considering. As soon as that shall have been made, it and the constitution will be forwarded to Washington and President McKinley will issue a call for an extra session of congress to consider them, provided of course, that the action of this congress has not made one unnecessary.

The house has everything in good shape for the last week of the session, but only legislative experts can untangle the mixture in the senate. Fortunately, many of the senators are legislative experts, and when they say that all of the appropriation bills, with the possible exception of the river and harbor bill, will get through, the laymen must perform take their word for it and watch and see.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

Senator Morgan stirred up some bad blood in his efforts to get the Nicaragua canal bill before the senate, by charging the republicans with truckling to Great Britain, because they had decided that it would not be courteous to act upon the bill while the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was unacted upon by Great Britain. Senator Spooner reminded him that it was the senate that made the delay by amending the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and that the senate could not pass the canal bill while its own amendments were being considered by Great Britain, without a breach of international courtesy and decency.

THE REVENUE REDUCTION BILL.

The revenue reduction bill will not fail. After stubbornly standing for their respective bills long enough to frighten those who did not wish to see the bill fail, the conferees began to talk compromise, and it is now said by them that a compromise bill will be the result. Just what portions of the bill will be most affected by the compromise cannot be stated with any certainty, now, as none of the agreements reached are binding unless agreement is reached on all sections of the bill, but the probabilities favor a heavy cut in the reductions in the beer and tobacco taxes made by the senate, and that the total reduction will be some millions below the senate bill.

OTHER BILLS.

In the senate, the house bill, appropriating \$5,000,000 for the St. Louis exposition, before being passed was amended to provide for closing the exposition on Sunday, and to appropriate \$250,000 for a government exhibit at the Charleston, S. C., exposition.

Opinion differs as to whether the oleomargarine bill will reach a vote in the senate. It is generally admitted that if voted upon it will be passed.

THE INAUGURATION.

Everything is in good shape for the inauguration of President McKinley and Vice-President Roosevelt, next Monday. Places have been assigned in the parade to organizations, military and civic, numbering nearly forty thousand men. Thanks to the public spirit of Secretary Long, the navy will be more largely represented than in any previous inaugural parade. The crews of seven vessels of the navy will march in the parade.

President McKinley has issued a proclamation calling the senate in extra session, March 4, at 12 o'clock noon. This is always done in inauguration years, the senate being called together to act upon executive nomi-

nations, and has nothing whatever to do with the contemplated extra session of congress.

WIDE-AWAKE OFFICE SEEKERS.

It cannot be denied that there are a great many wide awake office seekers in this country. Within twenty-four hours of the publication of the death of Mr. Rounseville Wildman, who was United States consul at Hong Kong, and his family, through the sinking of the steamship Rio de Janeiro, outside the Golden Gate, no less than seven applications for his place has been filed at the department of state.

DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP.

Now that an extra session is practically assured, the democrats who have been re-elected to the house, are indulging in a cat and dog fight among themselves over the democratic leadership. Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, the present leader, wishes to continue, but De Armond, of Missouri, Bankhead, of Alabama, and several others are in the field against him. Republicans are amused at the fight over this very empty honor. Speaker Henderson will be re-elected by acclamation, as soon as the next house meets.

THREE OCTOGENARIANS DEAD.

Recent Deaths at Ages Between
Eighty-five and Eighty-nine.

Dr. King Passed Away Last Monday.

Dr. Mitchell C. King died Monday evening at Glen Roy, his home at Flat Rock, aged 85 years, 8 months, and fifteen days. Funeral services were conducted at Glen Roy by Rev. D. M. McIver, the pastor of the Hendersonville Presbyterian church. The remains have been taken to Charleston for interment.

Dr. King has for many years past been one of the best known men in the county. He was the son of Judge King of Charleston. He was educated in this country and abroad. In his university days in Germany he became acquainted with Prince Bismarck, and the intercourse was continued by correspondence after Dr. King's return to this country.

For more than half a century the doctor has been associated with Flat Rock, which during the latter part of his life was his permanent home. He was a splendid type of the country doctor, known, trusted, and respected far and wide. Men now middle aged he had known as boys, and he was the personal friend as well as the family physician of a large part of the community in which he lived. He possessed a very strong constitution, and almost to the last lived an active life. "The old doctor," driving about in his buggy, has long been a familiar sight in Flat Rock and Hendersonville.

There are few men in this section whose loss would be felt by so wide a circle of friends. Endowed with that most beautiful trait in human character, genuine sympathy for the unfortunate, charity was extended with an open hand. His large practice included much work for which no compensation was asked, and the extent of this practical philanthropy can not be told.

His family is one of the most prominent in South Carolina and a number of relatives in that and this State survive him.

Death of John H. Justice.

Our readers will be sorry to learn of the death of John H. Justice, of Blue Ridge township, which occurred at his home on the 21st instant, after a few days illness. He was in his 87th year. Mr. Justice was one of the best known citizens of the county, and has been prominent in his community for years. He has always taken an active interest in all movements for the good of his county and town, having lived here and materially aided in laying the foundation for the present town of Hendersonville. He was an active member of the Baptist church, and was a delegate at the organization of the Western Baptist Convention. He leaves a large number of relatives in Western North Carolina.

Mrs. Osteen Dead.

Mrs. Jane Osteen died yesterday at the home of her son, J. J. Osteen, in Crab Creek township, at the advanced age of 89 years. The interment will take place today at the family burying ground at Crab Creek church. Mrs. Osteen was the grandmother of M. M. and V. C. V. Shepherd, the well known merchants of this place. She leaves a large number of relatives in this county.

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