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THE QUESTION OF A QUORUM.

If reports from Washington are to be believed the business of the House of Representatives is practically at a standstill, because the dominant party cannot keep a quorum of its members in the hall.

It is customary in that body for the party in power to maintain a quorum of its members in order to control the House and hold the leading strings of whatever business may come up.

Speaker Reed partially evaded the responsibility of this time-honored custom by counting the members present and not voting, taking care that a majority of the quorum should be Republican voters.

Speaker Crisp cannot with very good grace resort to the same strategy, and it is probable that the storm of popular disapproval which was visited upon Speaker Reed will deter any Speaker of the House from posing as a Crisp again.

So that for the time being, at least, there is no possibility of action, simply because the members of the Democratic party in Congress, for one reason and another, do not wish to appear in the House as champions of the Administration measures.

This seriously affects the programme of legislation mapped out for the Fifty-third Congress. It will be necessary not only to bring a recalcitrant and disloyal majority under leadership, but it will probably be necessary to make certain concessions in the revenue bills as the price of such unity of action.

The situation presented is by no means an anomalous one. Doubtless one or two caucuses and a certain amount of agitation and discussion will effect a reconciliation among the members of the party to the extent of making a working majority.

THE PROPOSED INCOME TAX.

Such parts of the bill providing for an income tax as have been made public lead up to the conclusion that very mild measures are proposed to increase the national revenues by this means.

The income tax, it is estimated, will effect only about \$5,000,000 in additional income, the rest being arranged to fall upon firms and corporations where the burden will be divided among many persons.

It is proposed to raise \$30,000,000 in this way. All incomes less than \$4,000 are exempt, and those over that figure are to be taxed only in excess of that amount. This will make the burden comparatively light, and the proposed law need have no terrors for the people.

But there will be trouble with the income tax on principle. It is an innovation—a direct tax, and the scheme proposed strikes an arbitrary line through the business community, placing a part of the people on one side and a part on the other, and taxing those who are unfortunate enough to be reckoned among the wealthy few.

It was unpopular in the sixties, and it is not likely to prove otherwise in the nineties.

The middle concerning the collectorship of the Western District has at last been settled. For the sake of party harmony Mr. Kope Elias, the present incumbent, resigned and on Monday, Mr. Melvin E. Carter, of Asheville, was appointed in his stead. On the same day, Mr. O. J. Carroll, of Raleigh, was appointed Marshall of the Eastern District, and Mr. Stephen H. Lane, of Newbern, for collector of customs of the Pamlico and Newbern districts.

National Capital Matters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6, 1894.

Chairman Wilson is not receiving the support he deserves from the Democratic members of the House. He had worked himself into a state bordering on physical exhaustion in order that the tariff bill might be called up as soon as the House met on Wednesday, and his disappointment can only be imagined when he saw that the tariff bill could not be taken up on that day because of the absence of a quorum of Democrats.

The tariff programme as mapped out by Chairman Wilson was: five days for general debate, eight days with evening sessions for discussion under the five-minute rule, during which the internal revenue amendments decided upon this week—\$2 per cent tax on all incomes of \$1,000 and over; the increase in the tax on cigarettes to \$1.50 per 1,000; the increase in the tax on whiskey to \$1.00 per gallon, and the tax of 2 cents per pack on playing cards—are to be adopted, and the final vote to be taken on the 17th of January; but it will not be possible to carry out this or any other programme, if a Democratic quorum cannot be kept here all the time; already the day of the final vote has been changed to January 22. This absenteeism is more the result of the big Democratic majority than indifference.

The investigation of the relations of this Government with Hawaii is being pushed by the subcommittee of the Senate committee on Foreign Relations. All of the witnesses heard up to this time have been gentlemen who took an active part in the annexation movement and the formation of the provisional government of Hawaii; consequently the testimony has all been of one kind.

Although the proceedings are supposed to be secret, the nature of the testimony taken becomes known almost as soon as it would if the hearings were public. Considerable comment not favorable to ex-Minister Stevens has been indulged in this week. Senator Frye had reported the health of Mr. Stevens to be so precarious that it might prevent his coming to Washington to testify before the committee, yet the newspapers all contained accounts of his having traveled from his home in Maine to Rhode Island in order to deliver a speech on Hawaii at a club banquet.

Now the question is being asked, why, if his health permits him to attend banquets and sit up two-thirds of a night to make a set speech, it should prevent his coming to the mild climate of Washington and giving the committee a few hours of his time during the day? Perhaps the oath which the committee administrators to its witnesses may have something to do with the reluctance of Mr. Stevens. A man doesn't have to swear to statements made in a banquet speech.

The Democratic House caucus which meets to-night will settle for good and all whether the Democrats of the Ways and Means Committee have made a tariff bill worthy of the support of the party, or whether the work of the committee shall be revised before the bill is passed.

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[The above letter, which we take the liberty of publishing is one of many we are constantly receiving from both old and new subscribers, who are in a position to judge the merits of a newspaper. While the majority agree that THE HEADLIGHT is the best paper published in Goldsboro, some go a step further and pronounce it "the best paper Goldsboro ever had." With the additional improvements in contemplation shortly, we wonder what our esteemed patrons will call it next.—EDITOR.]

And What About Harrell?

Charlotte News.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly met in Raleigh and appointed Morehead City as the next place of meeting. Nothing is said about an election of officers, but probably that was not the time and place for it. In view of the furor raised about Secretary Eugene Harrell's World's Fair excursion last summer, it was to have been expected that the committee would either have vindicated him or nailed his ears to the town pump. The good of the Assembly demands that before plans are laid for the year this Harrell business be settled. The Colonel may be all right; but as it now stands the Assembly is in bad odor on the account of the charge against the secretary.

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A STRANGE CASE.

How an Enemy was Foiled. The following graphic statement will be read with intense interest: "I cannot describe the cruel, creepy sensation that existed in my hands and feet. I had to rub and heat those parts until they were sore, to overcome in a measure the dead feeling that had taken possession of them. In addition, I had a strange weakness in my back and around my neck, so that with my indigestible food I could not continue my insidious progress until it reached a vital point and the sufferer dies. Such was my prospect. I had been doctoring a year and a half steadily, but with no particular benefit. I saw an advertisement of Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine, procured a bottle and began using it. Marvellous as it may seem, but a few days had passed before most of that creepy feeling had left me, and there has not been even the slightest indication of its return. I now feel as well as I ever did, and have gained ten pounds in weight, though I had run down from 150 to 110. Four others have used Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine on my recommendation, and it has been as satisfactory in their cases as in mine. James Kane, La. Exp. A. I. Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine is sold by all druggists on a positive guarantee, or sent direct to the Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind., on receipt of price, \$1 per bottle, six bottles for \$5, express prepaid. It is free from opiates or dangerous drugs.

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