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## A BLOW AT EXPANSION.

Joint Resolution Introduced by Vest, Of Missouri.

## FOR GOVERNMENT OF HAWAII.

The President Transmits to Congress the Hawaiian Commission's Report. A Bill To Admit the Islands as a Territory of the United States.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The first note of the anti expansionists was sounded in the senate today by Senator Vest, of Missouri, who introduced a joint resolution declaring that under the constitution, the federal government had no authority to acquire colonial possessions, to be governed as such; but that all territory acquired by the government, except such as may be necessary for connecting stations, correction of boundaries and similar purposes, may be acquired with the purpose of organizing territories, suitable ultimately for admission into the union as states. Mr. Vest announced his purpose to address the senate on the resolution at an early date. The report of the Hawaiian commission, transmitted by the president, was laid before the house and referred to the committee on territories, together with a bill offered by Mr. Hitt to carry out the recommendations of the commission. It provides for the erection of the islands into a territory of the United States to be styled the Territory of Hawaii. The bill contains provisions for the government of the territory, giving it executive, legislative and judicial officers. A governor, secretary of the territory, a United States district judge, a United States district attorney and a United States marshal are to be appointed by the president and an internal revenue district and a customs district are to be created.

Provision is made for a legislature, to consist of two houses; a senate, to consist of 15 members, as at present; and a house of representatives, consisting of 30 members. The members are to be elected at a general election to be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1899, and bi-annually thereafter.

The bill also provides for the election of a delegate to the house of representatives in congress by the voters qualified to vote for representatives in the legislature, this delegate to possess the same powers and privileges now accorded to other delegates in congress.

The bill provides that the constitution and laws of the United States locally applicable shall have the same force and effect in the territory of Hawaii as elsewhere in the United States.

The commissioners take pains to express their united opinion that the plan outlined for the government of Hawaii cannot be regarded as a precedent for Porto Rico and the Philippines.

Anti-Ticket Scalping Bill Passed. Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of John Hay to be secretary of state.

The anti-ticket scalping bill was passed by the house today, after four hours discussion, by a vote of 119 to 101. The railroads have been working for this amendment for five years.

They made a rule that only medicines of absolute purity and safety could be admitted to the World's Fair.

When it came to sarsaparillas they accepted but one:

# Ayer's

...of the bell.—Invention.

**A Man of System.**  
A newspaper man of some celebrity as a disciplinarian was noted about his office for the extreme disorder of his own desk. Though insisting upon methodical habits on the part of his employees, he gave his own pigeonholes a cleaning out and sorting over only once a year, and his regular time for doing this, oddly enough, was Washington's birthday.

It happened one year nevertheless that he forgot to perform this task at the proper time, and a friend who happened in at his office on the morning of Feb. 23 was surprised at finding him surrounded by his usual hopeless litter of letters and papers.

"How does this happen, Mr. —?" he asked.

"Forgot it," shortly answered the editor.

"Well, you're going to clean things up today, aren't you?"

"No, sir," was the reply. "That job goes over, under the rules, for another year. You don't suppose I am going to set an example of irregularity to the boys, do you? Not much!"

And he cleared away a space on his desk and began writing an editorial on the tariff.—Youth's Companion.

**The Awkward Orderly.**  
A young wag of an officer, making a morning call upon his superior in the latter's tent, found him sound asleep, perhaps a little the worse for a night's carrying over the flowing bowl.

The officer was tall, and the cot was short, so that his feet stuck out at the foot of the bed.

Instead of waking him the visitor took the spurs from a pair of boots standing by the bedside, strapped them to the sleeper's ankles and went away.

The officer had pretty well lacerated himself about the shins and ankles before he woke up and instantly yelled to his orderly.

"What do you mean by this?" he screamed to the latter, pointing to his feet, which were scarred and bleeding.

The orderly looked at the spurs in consternation.

"I'll forgive you this time, for you did it in the dark," said the officer, "but the next time you yank my boots and socks off so quick that it leaves my spurs on I'll give you ten days in the guardhouse, do you hear?"—New York World.

**Queer Fishes.**  
Amphibious fishes are to be found in various quarters of the globe. Beginning in Europe, there is the blenny, which, when kept in aquariums, has been proved to require at least an hour's pure air out of water to preserve it in good health and spirits. In the tropics is found the periphalanus, which is singularly amphibious and hops over the muddy flats in search of food, notably the crabs and mollusks left stranded by the retreating tide. This fish is so active on land that it is difficult to catch, and various specimens brought from Mauritius were secured by means of a shotgun—truly a unique method of killing fish. This fish is also found at Ceylon, and it is noticeable that when chased they prepare to escape by land rather than by water; they really seem to appreciate the sport.—Chicago News.

**Nothing Was Lent.**  
"Are you the society editor?" asked the large woman, who seemed to fill the room.

"No, madam," said the one addressed. "I am only the court reporter."

"Really? I am surprised. But perhaps you will do. Your paper said in its account of the affair at my house that floral decorations 'lent beauty to the scene.' I wish you would have your paper state that the floral beauty was not lent. Everything was paid for."—Indianapolis Journal.

**A Novelty In Bells.**  
Hear Appunn of Hanau has invented a bell of a new shape, which is said to have a very deep tone and to be as powerful as considerably heavier bells of the form at present in vogue. The shape is peculiar, being hemi-spherical, while the metal is uniform in thickness except near the "sound bow" (or the thickened tip which the clapper strikes). From the edge to some little distance above the sound bow the metal is very thick and then alters suddenly to the uniform thickness which it has for the rest of the bell.—Invention.

## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

## A LITTLE ABOUT MANY THINGS

The Plith of the World's News That Might Interest Our Readers. Some of It Fresh. Some May Be "Salty," But Not Spelt.

Gen. Miles has completed his scheme for the reorganization of the army, increasing it to 100,000 men.

It is believed in Paris that an army plot to seize the supreme power in France has been formed. It seems that the supreme power in France for some time has been in the army.

The famine outlook in that part of Russia where the wheat crop failed is becoming more serious, and the area is spreading. Many thousands of people will have to be fed by charity.

Four men were killed Tuesday by the explosion of a mine being removed from Boston harbor. Not a particle of the ore of the men could be found after the explosion.

After an orderly trial, lasting several hours, by the committee of citizens of Benton, La., Tuesday it was decided that two negroes, Hebron and Richardson, who were under arrest there, were guilty of the murder of Henry Vance, and they were at once taken to the place of execution, half a mile north of town, where they were hanged by the citizens. Both died game. The crowd was very orderly.

Gen. Lee telegraphs to Richmond denying emphatically that he had retired from the case for the United States senatorship in Virginia, in opposition to Senator Martin. To enter the senate is still the height of Gen. Lee's ambition, and nothing but the bestowal by the president of a most important army post would induce him to change his mind.

**The Art of Talking Back.**  
"I hardly know how to answer you," said she when the widower proposed. "I would not let that worry me," said he soothingly. "That is something a woman learns perfectly soon after marriage."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**The Blue Hole of Kentucky.**  
One of the places in our neighborhood which is shunned alike by saint and sinner is the old spring near our town, in Logan county, known as the Blue hole. Though legendary, the story I shall relate of this spring is true, for it has been corroborated by the former generation, by the older men of the present century. According to this story, when the Shaker village at South Union was first established by a few venturesome though hardy pioneers, a member of the sect was dispatched on horseback to put the money in a safe in the county capital.

When the treasure bearer reached the spring, he rode his horse in to give it water, but rider and animal were swallowed up, never to rise again. It is said that the Shaker's friends used as much as 500 feet of rope in an attempt to recover the body and coin, but never struck bottom. I myself have heard old men say they have tried to find the bottom of the spring by using hundreds of feet of cord and a lead sinker, but without success.—Auburn (Ky.) News.

**Gratitude In Women.**  
Are feelings of gratitude absent in women? That clever gentleman who does the Private Diary in The Cornhill Magazine is not quite satisfied upon the subject. This is his way of putting it: "As gratitude depends upon imagination, it may well be that women, having less imagination than men, are less grateful. The doctor told me 'intermittent heart' is a not uncommon female ailment." To sugar the pill, however, the diarist says: "In defense of the maligned sex I should like to record a case of gratitude in a woman that left me a little mournful. I had sent Charlotte a book for her birthday last autumn, and at breakfast today she said, 'Oh, thank you for that delightful book you sent me!' 'Oh, I said, 'what was it?' 'Dear me,' said Charlotte, 'I have quite forgotten.'"

**May Be Feat Play.**  
Newbern Journal, Dec. 8th.

Just before the A. & N. C. freight train reached Beaton, between LaGrange and Goldsboro, on Tuesday, the engineer saw an object on the track. He stopped the train, and it was found that the object was a dead negro, a young man about 21 years of age. The man had evidently been dead but a short time, the body being warm, and there was a bruise as if made by a brick or stone on the side of his head. It appears as if the body had been dragged there and left on the track. The coroner's jury found a verdict that the man came to his death by a blow from an unknown party. The name of the dead man was not discovered.

**Tomorrow Nite.**

The "Singing Skule" is all prepared and if you want to enjoy a good "laff," as Jed-diah Robbins says, "be sure to git your seat & kam." Reserved seats are now on sale at Hood's drug store. Bring the kids as they only cost 15 cents a piece.

**He Got The Pin.**

A good many people still believe in the little superstition about seeing a pin and picking it up. It makes some of them decidedly uncomfortable when they pass a pin by, and even if experience has taught them that there is nothing to be gained by scooping up the pointed bit of wire they still dive for one whenever they see it.

An aged man was toddling across Payne avenue at its junction with Wilson some time ago when between the street car rails at the very center of the curve he noticed a pin. It was a bright pin, and it caught his rather enfeebled gaze at once. Being a superstitious old gentleman, he determined to secure that pin. With considerable effort he managed to bend over, when, just as his trembling fingers closed upon it, with a whoop and a roar a cable car came swinging around the curve at the usual terrifying rate. The old man went one way, his cane and glasses and hat went the other. They rushed to him and picked him up. He was badly bruised, and the ambulance was called. As they were lifting him into it somebody noticed something shining between his clinched fingers.

It was the pin.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Fooled the Foreman.**

At one of the iron works in the north of England a good story is told at the expense of one of the foremen at the blast furnaces.

The men known as the barrow men have a certain number of rounds or barrows of ore to wheel to the furnace during their eight hours of labor.

One stormy night the foreman, who was suffering from a severe headache, retired to his cabin; but, being of a suspicious nature, he left the door open that he might hear if anything unusual took place.

The men had worked steadily on for some time, passing the cabin with each barrow of ore on their way to the lift. At last one man in passing the door remarked loudly to another, "One more round, Pat, and then!"

But the foreman, overhearing the remark and knowing it was a long way of "knocking off" time, rushed to the door, exclaiming:

"And then what, my man?"

"And then another," coolly replied the barrow man, and the foreman retired.—Liverpool Mercury.

In the public schools of Japan the English language is required to be taught by law.

## NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

## CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES

Of Items That Will Interest North Carolinians. Some News. Some Politics—All of Some Interest to True "Tar Heels."

J. T. Croom & Co., grocers and liquor merchants, of Wilmington, made an assignment Tuesday. Assets \$7,000; liabilities \$5,000.

Judge Dossy Battle, the new judge of the eastern criminal circuit, who defeated T. H. Sutton, is holding his first court in Halifax this week. He began court promptly Monday.

The agricultural department report up to December 1st shows a balance of \$27,477. The commissioner says that the appointment of six extra inspectors this year was the cause of the collection of some \$20,000.

Mr. E. C. McDowell was killed near his home in Edgecombe last week by a falling tree. He was cutting some firewood and a limb from a falling tree struck him on the head and killed him instantly. He was 60 years old and left a wife and four children.

Wilmington Messenger: The Messenger notes with the greatest sincerity its pleasure in knowing that Mr. Will Mayo, who was so seriously shot on the memorable 10th of last month, is able to be out again. He was down street yesterday, and every passer-by stopped him, heartily shook his hand and expressed delight at seeing him out.

Newbern Journal: Seven car loads of pine tree tops will be shipped by Mr. Joe E. Hawk of the pine Lumber Co., of this city, to New York in time for the Christmas holidays. These pine tops are used for decorations and many of them will be used for small Christmas trees and when covered with candles and presents will lighten the hearts of countless small children.

Murphy Scout: George Maney, who murdered Mr. Thad Sherill in Graham county last spring, and who was brought to Murphy and placed in jail for safe keeping, made good his escape on Saturday night, November 19th, by tricking the janitor. The escaped man committed one of the most coldblooded, pre-meditated murders, without the slightest excuse, that was ever known to the people of this section.

Labor Commissioner Hamrick says: "North Carolina is today the Massachusetts of the south and exceeds any other southern state in the value and number of manufacturing establishments. This great movement towards becoming a manufacturing community deserves especial encouragement, for with our climate, water power and other facilities for profitable manufacturing, there is no reason why this should not become the greatest manufacturing State of the union. Our farmers have already realized the value of the manufacturing plants which have been established in their midst, for these have given them a ready home market for the products of their toil."

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