Champ Grand Larcety Committed by the Reput-Rean Majority—De Armond's Scatting Speech — The Worst Congress on Record Clark's Letter

[Special Washington Letter.]

EMEMBER the Sabbath day to keep it holy" is a mandate for which God fearing, home loving, law abiding Americans have profound respect and which they endeavor to obey. How do these God fearing, home loving, law abiding folks like the sacrilegious spectacle of the Republican sinners running the house of representatives, restaurant and barroom included, wide open, full blast on Sunday, March 1, A. D. 1903? A bowl goes up because it is possible to get a drink in New York, Philadelphia or Chicago on Sunday, even by sneaking in at the side door, but here in the nation's capitol, in full view of all passersby, the house of representatives saloon dispensed liquid refreshments to all who had the price and the appetite on the first Lord's day in March.

There was no sort of excuse for a session of the bonse on Sunday. All the business necessary for the conduct of public affairs could have been easily transacted in two hours, and let it not be forgotten that, over the protests of the Democrats, the Republicans forced the house to take a recess from 7:30 p. m. Saturday, Feb. 28, to 12 a. m. Sunday, March I, when all necessary business could have been transacted from 7:30 p. m. to midnight.

Again, it must be remembered that the Republicans forced a three weeks' adjournment of the house at Christmas and wasted the time. If they had remained in session then, they would have had plenty of time at the close without outraging the moral sentiment of America by flaunting their implety in the face of the public by holding a ssion on Sunday, and yet the Republicans claim a monopoly on purity. sweetness, light, virtue, intelligence. patriotism and righteousness! Really they are whited sepulchers and care no more for morality and the cognate virtues than did the pirate crews of Captain Kild.

The supreme court of the United States has solemnly declared this to be a Christian nation, and yet here are these Republican leaders openly and defiantly trampling on one of the fundamental principles of that religion!

Let it not be forgotten that Democrats unanimously opposed this uncalled for insult to the religious sentiment of the country. When Hon, Sereno E. Payne, chairman of the ways and means committee and ex officio leader of the Republicans, moved on Saturday night that "the house take a as to 12 o'clock noon on Sunday" Hon. James D. Richardson of Tennes-Democratic floor leader, moved that "Monday be substituted for Sun-day." On roll call the Democrats voted for the Richardson proposition for Mon-day, while the Republicans lined up solidly for Payne's proposition for Sunday desecration. Of course the Republicans prevailed by brute force, for after stealing a seat for Undertaker Wag-oner of St. Louis they had a clear marity of forty-six over all. They could do as they pleased, and as a matter of history they deliberately chose to violate the Sabbath day and to outrage the Christian sentiment of America.

The ousting of James J. Butler of St. Louis from his seat and the seating of the contemptible Wagoner was grand larceny. Indeed it was much worse than that, for it struck at the very roots of constitutional government.
The constitution provides that a quorum of each house is necessary to transact business and a quorum consists, under the constitution, of a majority. Yet, while it required 129 members on Feb. 26 to make a quorum. Butler was bounced with only a hundred and sixty odd present, and that, too, when Democrats were shout-ing "No quorum!" and demanding the yeas and nays—a constitutional right. That Hon. John Daizell of Pennsylvayeas and nays—a constitutional right. That Hon. John Daizell of Pennsylvania should have lent himself as speaker pro tem, to such a stupendous and unprecedented outrage, like the peace of God. passeth all understanding, for Mr. Daizell is not an obscure political thug. He is one of the accredited leaders of a great party, one of its ablest members. Speaker Henderson, whether by accident or design, was out of the chair when the distructful job was done, and, unfortunately for Mr. Daizell's reputation, he did it. He would elevate himself immeasurably if upon redection he should proclaim that he was wrong and should request all who shall hereafter occupy the chair not to follow his ruling as a precedent. That would be something like the Daizell of whom people like to think. He owes it to his own fame to do that very thing, and he likewise owes it to the cause of good government. He may have made the ruling inadvertently, he may have been rattled; but, whatever the reason of a ruling both outrageous and unconstitutional, he cannot afford to let it stand. Mr. Reed has been much abused for his high handed processings, but Mr. Reed have deen much abused for his high handed processings, but Mr. Reed have deen much abused for his high handed processings, but Mr. Reed have been much abused for his high handed processings, but Mr. Reed have deen much abused for his high handed processings, but Mr. Reed have deen much abused for his high handed processings, but Mr. Reed have deen much abused for his high handed processings, but Mr. Reed have deen much abused for his high handed processings but Mr. Reed have deen much abused for his high handed processing hour matter has not a Democratic paper. It is independent and hande benefit toward the Repollman. If defining the administration and all bails benefit toward the Repollman. If defining the administration and all the benefit toward the Repollman.

indignation of the house Democrats over the despotic, not to say brutal, manner in which the Republican majority has disregarded decency and justice in the case of the Butler-Wagoner contest. These contests have always been more or less sorrowful and scandalous, and the Post has invariably protested against them, no matter what form they took; but in this instance every evil possibility has been brought into an unlovely promi-nence.

nence.

Mr. Butler was elected to the Fifty-seventh congress from the Twelfth district of Missouri. He came to Washington with all the legal and proper credentials, and that should have been enough. If his adversary had, or thought he had, legitimate grounds for a challenge, he should have submitted his case to the local courts, where all the facts were accessible and where credible witnesses. local courts, where all the facts were accessible and where credible witnesses were easily within reach. Instead of that he appealed to a partisan tribunal 1,200 miles distant and invoked not a competent and informed verdict, but the irresponsible tyrariny of mere force. The manner in which Mr. Butler's case has been robbed of all its claims to righteous consideration; the fact that he was unseated without a quorum and in defiance of the constitution; the notorious circumstances of arrogance under which he was thrown out of court, denied a hearing and dragged ignominiously at the chariot wheels of the conqueror—these things recall the days and practices of the Goths. call the days and practices of the Gotta.
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We take no special interest in Mr. Butler personally. In our philosophy his case sonstitutes merely an abstract proposition in morals; but the fact that he has been deprived of his rights without the smallest reference to law and honorable observance is a fact with which men, without regard to party feeling or alignment, may well concern themselves. The house has been made to doclare that he was defeated at the polls, not as the result of proof or of judicial and dispassionate inquiry, but by force of partisan rulings by the chair and in the absence of the quorum required for the legitimate dispassion of such questions. That the Democratic minority resent this action with bitterness is quite intelligible. That they should let their resentment take the shape of indiscriminate obstruction is at least human. A flagrant wrong has been committed, and the Republicans cannot reasonably object to a harvest of their own sowing and cultivation.

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Judge David A. De Armond of Missouri voiced the sentiments of the minority in the following bitter words:

The contestee was returned by nearly 5.30 majority. In order to seat the contestant the committee recommends the throwing out of precincts which gave him over 9.000 votes and gave the contestant something like 2.000 votes. The reason given, so far as there is any reason given for this action, is that it is not possible to ascertain what in these forty-one precincts was the honest and what the dishonest vote. If that be true, it is strange that the committee has not recommended honest vote. If that be true, it is strange that the committee has not recommended-being unable to ascertain how many honest votes were cast for one candidate or the other-it is strange that the committee has not recommended that there be declared no election. Instead of that, inasmuch as the majority of Butler in these precincts is greater than 6,300 majority returned for him, it is found convenient to throw them all out and figure up 700 majority for Wagoner.

I submit, upon the theory of their own contention, that nothing can be done honestly in a case where you cannot determine what are the honest votes beyond declaring that there is no election, but what reason is there for concluding that you cannot determine the honest votes in this case? There is no offer to show that fraudulent votes were dealed an amortunity

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This is a very simple proceeding if gentiemen have any regard for the honesty and decency in the matter. Of course if the only object is to take the seat and throw the incumbent out because it is supposed there are votes enough to throw him out the proceeding is very well-and decency in the matter. Of course if that be the esse, so through the travesty of on argument or talk about legal principles or talk about the ascredness of the ballot, about the committee trying to ascertain who is elected, when every man who knows a very little about the case must know to a certainty that Wagoner is not elected? Wagoner came on the Republican ballot, and I defy any gentisman to contradict it, when he had no right upon it at all. He had no right any where in that election except upon a taket by himself, with not another candidate on the ballot, but he had no right any more and provided with the gentleman gives me time. The impertine

him. Throw upon the people of that abtrict who twice have representation of a man whom they have repudiated. Fing this man in here: associate with him up in terms of equality for the remaining days of this session. Welcome him to your bosoms as a man not at all entitled to the seat, but a man fully entitled to political fellowship with those who would atsal it for him, the recipient of stolen goods placed upon a precise par with those who stole the goods.

The gentleman on the other side suggests that time has been frittered away. Aye, the time has been well employed which has been used to delay the hour of the perpetration, the completion of this iniquity, and let gentlemen understand that with the 4th day of March, until the speaker from the chair declares this house adjourned sine die, there will be done occurred ance with appropriate legislative procedure, to carry to the country the fact, to stamp up an the record, to show to future generations that we are not going to tolerate or condone this kind of larceny.

Take the seat and pay for it! Take the seat and be accountable for the wrong that gives it to you! Gather all that you can by what you get out of Wagoner, gather all that you can by what you get out of this act, but pay the penalty, answer the responsibility. If legislation falls, if time which you think ought not to be consumed is consumed in roil calls, recollect when you vote to seal Mr. Butler's seat that you are voting to kill the measures that will be killed in consequence of that act.

There is not a man upon the committee who has read all the evidence in this case. The gentleman from Pennsylvania has read "all that was material." All that was material to take the seat from Butler and give it to Wagoner! Everything outside of that is "immaterial." But whatever evidence may show that Butler is entitled

sential to take the seat from Butler and give it to Wagoner! Everything outside of that is "immaterial." But whatever evidence may show that Butler is entitled to the seat, whatever evidence might convince any one who is willing to be convinced that Wagoner is not entitled to it that would be "immaterial"—immaterial to the purposes of the inquiry. I presume that not even a second gentleman on the committee, barring, of course, the most industrious and astute chairman, has read even a part of what on that side is deemed "material." He has been told by the gentleman from Pennsylvania, I presume, what his conclusion upon the "material" part is.

The Fifty-seventh congress is dead-dead as a doornall, dead as a smelt. dead as Hector-and the people should rejoice, for, while its days were not fewer than those of any other congress, they were full of evil. That old, defunct congress is perhaps the worst on record. It has trifled with the public Interests; it has played hide and seek with the trusts; it has enacted into law many bad bills and left buried in pigeonholes many good and meritorious measvres; it has raised the character of the public service and increased the honor and prestige of the republic not at all. not even in the estimation of a hair. It is well that its course is run. Its treatment of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arisona is one of the most shameless violations of platform pledges known to American politics.

The closing days in both house and senate were turbulent to an extraordinary degree, the turbulency being pro-duced by the high handed proceedings of Republicans in both bodies. Perhaps the most spectacular scene was the swearing in of Hon. "Gas" Addicks' two Republican senators from Delaware. The Hon. "Gas" realizes, no doubt, the force of the old saying, "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." He didn't get in himself, but he elected two senators of the United States. one for two years, the other for four, and it is stated on what appears to be most excellent authority that the Hon. "Gas" entry into the most august legislative body on earth is postponed only two years. When the Hon. "Gas" does enter, those who prate of purity, sweetness and light among Republicans should be compelled to precede him, bearing flowers and shouting: "Io tri-umphe! Io triumphe!" He is a fine specimen of latter day Republicans. His whole theory and plan of campaign are to buy somebody.

The Exception.

Some wiseacre once said, "It is the exception that proves the rule." Whether that is the truth this deponent saith not. At any rate, Thomas Jefferson since laid down this rule: "Federal of-ficeholders seldom die and never resign." Here is the exception which proves Jefferson's rule: Thomas E. Drake, superintendent of insurance in the District of Columbia, has resigned!

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Oh, no! He only inreatens to resign, and after all, he may decide to recall his threat and hang on to his job. Most probably that is precisely what he will do. The thing Mr. Drake is kicking about is that he cannot secure a raise in his salary which would enable him to enjoy a few more of the luxuries of life and which would wring a few more drops of sweat out of the toilers of the land. Suppose Drake should resign—actually let loose of the public teat. Would the wheels of the government stop stock still? By no manner of means. A thousand palpitating patriots would jump at the chance to get the position at the present salary, but whichsoever of them got it would begin instanter to yell and whoop it up for an increase.

Unprecedented Gall.

Certainty the greatest exhibition of gall ever seen on earth was when Mr. Oimsted of Pennsylvania stood up in the house and prated about purity in politics. It would have been ridiculous if it had not been tragic. The rottenness of Pennsylvania politics under Republican management has become proverbial. Nobody doubts fint the ballot boxes in Philladelphia are stuffed to the extent of from 50,000 to 100,000 at every election, owing to the exigencies of the case, and that corruption permentes the elections in every considerable town in the state, yet as much has hypocrisy become a part of the nature of Republicans that a Pennsylvania Republican has the effronter to orule about the corruption of others.

STANTON'S IRISH STEW.

Story of the Great War Secretary as Told by His Bodyguard.

An attempt by Secretary of War Starton to cook an Irish stew while holding the war department office against the removal order of President Andrew Johnson is one of many anecdotes related by Louis Koerth, at the period mentioned the great war secretary's bodyguard.

Feb. 21, 1868, President Johnson appointed General Lorenzo Thomas secretary of war ad interim, but the power of removal having been taken by the tenure of office act from the president. Mr. Stanton refused to resign or to vacate the office of secretary.

He camped in the office, determined to hold it until the result of the impeachment proceedings against the president, which were then pending in the senate, should be determined. For sixty days Mr. Stanton held "the fort." and during that period his faithful bodyguard, ex-Sergeant Louis Koerth, then in the United States general service, assigned to the war department, kept him company.

On the day in which Mr. Stanton received the official notification of his removal by the president he made immediate preparations for a siege. He dispatched Sergeant Koerth to Mrs. Stanton for blankets and pillows, but that lady refused to send them, insisting that the secretary should come home and give up the office.

Mr. Stanton smiled on receiving ber message and simply said:

"Koerth, go to your own house and bring blankets, pillows and such cooking utensils as we may need."

The Irish stew was the first effort of the secretary and his bodyguard. Koerth, being a German, needed instructions in the mysteries of preparing the savory stew, and the secretary named the various ingredients, which he ordered the servant to purchase.

Both men had spent a busy and laboriously exciting day, and both were tired out when the pot was put on the fire to cook the stew.

The consequence was that the great war secretary and his bodyguard fell asleep. The secretary was the first to be awakened by the smell of the burn-

"Koerth, Koerth! Wake up, man!" shouted Mr. Stanton. "The stew is

Koerth sprang to his feet, but, alas, too late to save Mr. Stanton's Irish stew. It was burned and smoking, while the pot was a glowing red. Ruefully the secretary rolled himself up in his blankets on the sofa and went to sleep for the night supperless.-Washington Post.

POULTRY POINTERS.

A healthy fowl will drink fifteen or twenty times a day.

Sharp gravel should always be supplied to fowls that are fattened in close

Box nests are all right if made large mough, the size depending upon the breed of fowls.

Linseed meal is excellent as an egg producing meal, but it should be fed in connection with coarse or bulky foods. Soft eggs laid before the shell has formed are caused by overfeeding. Give less food and more pounded shells or

A varied diet for poultry is a nece sary help to their general health and has much to do with their value as

If disease appears and resists reme-dies, it is better to begin with new stock than to breed from those that have been sick a long time.

A light, sandy soil is always best for a poultry yard. A heavy clay soil is al-ways damp and, unless care is taken, will cause roup, while a sandy soil, being dry, will promote warmth.

Appreciated Rimself.

A little boy while playing near the Serpentine fell into the water. An Irish laborer who was passing at the time courageously jumped into the water, clothes and all, and rescued the boy, says Spare Moments.

A lady who had observed the brave

deed went up to Pat and, shaking his hand, said:

"I feel it an honor, my brave man, to shake hands with you. Many a worse man than you has been present-

"Faith, you're roight, mum," replied Pat as he proceeded to wring the wa-ter out of his coat. "Th' last toime Of was presinted at court Of only got one month, wholle me mate got two, begor-

The chestnut brend used in north Italy and Corsica will keep fresh for fifteen days.

Ancient Paper.

There are in existence, it is claimed, specimens of paper made from rags as early as the fourteenth century, the oldest extant being, it is reported, a letter from Joinville to Louis X. of France dated A. D. 1315.

Paper Making.
The oldest document on linen paper belongs to the year 1308. The first European paper mills were at the castle of Babriano, near Ancona, in 1840.

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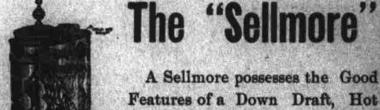
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