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WASHINGTON NEWS.

GATHERED BY THE "LEADER'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 19.—The present situation in both Senate and House may in a nut shell, be summed up thus:

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Everybody is asking everybody else questions without number, and the answers usually depend upon the personal desire of the speaker. The republicans of the Senate are again apparently working together in the attempt to force a vote upon the Federal Election bill, as a party measure, by tiring the democrats out in a continuous session. The session has now lasted day and night since Friday morning, with the exception of a Sunday recess, and the question of whether the bill will ever be voted on seems as far from being answered as ever.

One thing favorable to the final passage of the bill is the fact that the republicans who voted with the democrats for free coinage are now voting with their party on questions affecting the Election bill. The democrats say the bill can never be passed unless the cloture rule is adopted, and there are still a number of republican Senators who will not agree to go to that extreme.

But after all, the subject about which the most questions are asked is the free coinage bill, which was adopted by the Senate as a substitute for the republican caucus financial bill. It has been referred to the House Committee on Coinage, a majority of which is known to oppose free coinage. Will this committee make an adverse report upon the bill or will it be pigeon-holed and no report made at all? From the best obtainable information I believe the committee will report the bill, because its members know that it is not reported a motion will be made on the floor of the House to discharge the committee from its further consideration, and the success which attended a similar move in regard to the investigation of the Congressional silver pools, proves how easy it can be done when a majority of the House so wills it. But, after it is reported, will Speaker Reed allow it to be voted upon? That is a very important question, second only in importance to that of a Presidential veto. Mr. Reed is personally opposed to free coinage, and I believe will do all in his power to defeat it by preventing in one way or another a vote being taken upon it, although it is only fair to state that some of his closest friends say that he will not resort to any extraordinary methods to defeat the bill.

It now looks as if some big fish might be caught in the drag net of the House committee that is investigating the silver pool charges. The committee was informed at its first meeting, held Saturday, that Senator Stewart had stated that he had personal knowledge of Senators speculating in silver; it was also informed that an official of the House had stated that he knew of Congressmen who would get into trouble if the investigation was rushed. These two gentlemen and others whose names have been furnished the committee, will be invited to tell what they know about silver pools, and if they tell there's squally times ahead for some people.

The democrats of the House have adopted a policy of delay, which will be kept up until the Senate disposes of the Election bill. They wish to be in a position to antagonize the Election bill, if it should pass the Senate, when it returns to the House for action on the Senate amendments, with the regular appropriation bills, and they will succeed, if the republicans fail in the efforts they are now making to get a quorum of their own members in the House.

Senator Teller has again denied that any combination was made by him and the other republicans that voted for free coinage with the democrats to secure the passage of that bill.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Mr. Hickman, of Brunswick, who has been absent ever since the session opened on account of sickness in his family, being present for the first time last Friday, came forward and took the oath.

An act amending the charter of the city of Asheville, empowering the Board of Aldermen to elect a city recorder, passed third reading.

A bill to perpetuate civil and criminal records, which provides that record books shall be kept in which to copy all papers of various kinds relating to titles, to deeds and all special proceedings, to be preserved as chains of evidence in case papers should be lost. Also to allow the clerks of the courts a fee of 5 cents per copy sheet of 100 words, which is to be added to the bill of cost. Passed third reading.

Senate bill, To allow persons to change their names in accordance with Art. 2, Sec. 11, of the Constitution. The bill provides that any person having sufficient good reason, may upon the testimony of good witnesses from the county in which he resides, make application to a Superior Court clerk, for a change of his name, and that that officer have power to authorize such change. Mr. Bellamy explained that before the adoption of the Constitution of 1868, a person's name could be changed by special act of the Legislature. The Constitution of '68 takes this power from the Legislature, but gives it power to prescribe regulations in regard thereto. Mr. Gilman moved to amend by allowing no person to change his name more than one time. The amendment was accepted, and the bill, as amended, passed third reading.

A bill relating to carrying concealed weapons, amending the law so as to make the minimum fine \$30 instead of \$10 and the maximum fine \$50. Before the passage of this measure it created considerable discussion.

The bill for the better protection of the oyster interests of North Carolina, then passed its third reading. Its full text is as follows:

Sec. 1. That the Governor be and is hereby fully authorized and empowered to take all such action as may be necessary and requisite to uphold, maintain and enforce the laws of North Carolina in relation to her fish and oyster interests and to this end he may employ so much of the military or other power of the State as may be necessary to carry out the intention of this act, and for these purposes a sufficient sum of money is hereby appropriated, to be paid by the State Treasurer upon the warrant of the Auditor, who shall issue the same upon the approval of the Governor out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated and not exceeding the sum of \$15,000.

Sec. 2. That from and after the ratification of this act it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take or catch oysters from any of the public grounds or natural oyster beds of North Carolina with any dredge, drag, scoop, patent tongs or other instruments, except such tongs as are worked with the hands in an ordinary use among our oystermen, and if any person or persons shall use in the catching or taking of oysters from the public grounds or natural oyster beds of the State, any such instrument as is forbidden by this act, he or they shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$5,000 nor less than \$1,000, or imprisoned not more than five nor less than one year or both, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 3. Whenever any persons shall be found engaged in the violations of the laws of this State in relation to fish and oysters, it shall be the duty of any and every officer charged with the execution of the laws of the State, or any person, specially deputed or commanded for this purpose, to forthwith arrest such person and carry him before some magistrate, who shall enquire into the fact, examine the witnesses and dispose of the case in the manner required by law, and any citizen may likewise make such arrest and carry the offenders before such magistrate, and the officers herein before mentioned may make such arrest in any county in North Carolina as well as in his own.

Sec. 4. This act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification for the space of three months.

WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY.

HAPPENINGS IN THIS COUNTRY AND IN EUROPE.

Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Over 200 houses in Bombay, India, have been burned to the ground and hundreds of families are rendered homeless.

Nine persons were drowned yesterday in the Seine, at Paris, by breaking through the ice while skating. They had been warned by the police that the ice was unsafe but disregarded the warning.

There is some fear of serious trouble between two factions in the lower house of the Colorado Legislature and the Speaker of the House has been obliged to swear in half-a-dozen sergeants-at-arms.

Ex-Governor Thayer still refuses to recognize Governor-elect Boyd as Governor of Nebraska, but it is probable that he will have to do so soon, popular feeling is very much against the ex-Governor's action.

A terrific gale swept across Chesapeake Bay Monday night and a number of wrecks are reported in consequence. Two schooners were driven into floating ice and being cut through, sunk quickly, the crews narrowly escaping with their lives. A number of oyster craft went ashore and all shipping had terrible experience.

Thursday, Jan. 15.

The Free Coinage bill was passed by the Senate yesterday as a substitute for the Financial bill.

State Treasurer Woodruff's bondsmen, of Arkansas, have decided to make good his shortages which amount to \$94,000.

Advices from Pine Ridge Agency say that the troops are gradually drawing in closer round the Indians and will soon bring them to terms.

A mortgage for \$6,000,000 on the Augusta & West Florida railroad has been filed in the Richmond county, Georgia, Superior Court. This provides for \$15,000 per mile. Twenty-five miles are already graded from Augusta toward Thomasville.

E. M. Van Tassel's grain elevator, on the North River, New York, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday morning, entailing a loss of about \$300,000. Shortly afterward fire broke out in Morgan & Cornell's tinware factory, a six-story building, almost completely destroying it. Loss \$75,000. A bonded warehouse in the same neighborhood was burned the same day with a loss of \$60,000.

Friday, Jan. 16.

The postoffice at Key West, Florida, has been robbed of \$2,300.

John A. Hart, mayor of Chattanooga, Tenn., died yesterday morning of paralysis.

In Manitoba and Northern Minnesota the temperature is now 30 degrees below zero, the coldest weather experienced thus far this winter.

The Election bill was taken up on Wednesday night in the Senate. The vote was a tie and the deciding one was cast by the vote of the Vice-President.

A fire at Peoria, Ill., early yesterday morning destroyed property to the amount of \$200,000, including a carpet store, business college, tailor shop, the Real Estate Exchange and a lumber office.

A fire at Richmond, Va., Wednesday night destroyed nearly all of the Richmond Locomotive and Machine Works at that city. The damage will be very heavy. A portion of the battle-ship Texas was in the building, including twenty-three boilers which, it is feared will be unfit for use. These with other portions of the ship's machinery, were insured in a Philadelphia company for \$285,000.

Saturday, Jan. 17.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: Exports of merchandise greatly exceed imports in value. At

New York for January, thus far, the increase in exports over last year has been \$1,400,000, while imports show a decline of \$2,900,000. Boston notes greater activity in wool; Philadelphia reports easier money, better trade in canned goods and in wool, and fair trade in groceries. Trade is improving at Louisville, Memphis and Jacksonville, fair at New Orleans and active at Baltimore. Failures for the week, 360 against 305 the corresponding week last year.

A verdict has been returned for the State of Maryland against Ex-State Treasurer Archer's bondsmen, for \$60,000.

John W. Root, one of the most prominent architects of Chicago and consulting architect of the World's Columbian Exposition, died at his home in Chicago on Thursday night, of pneumonia. Mr. Root was born at Atlanta, Ga., in 1850.

Seventy pension bills were passed by the House at its evening session on Thursday. Among these were one of \$50 for Gen. Franz Siegel; one of \$100 to Joseph J. Bartlett of New York and one granting a pension of \$100 per month to Gen. N. P. Banks who is now a member of the House.

Sunday, Jan. 18.

George Bancroft, the eminent and venerable historian died at his home in Washington late yesterday afternoon after a brief illness. He was born in October 1800.

Advices from Harrisonburg, Va., say that snow fell there on Friday and on Saturday a severe northeast snow-storm set in. The roads are still blockaded from the storm of December 16th and 17th.

The immense carpet mills of John and James Dobson at Philadelphia, burned Friday night. The loss, it is supposed, will reach \$1,500,000. The mills are insured in about 100 American and English companies for one million dollars.

An engagement is said to have taken place in some of the sounds of Eastern North Carolina between resident oystermen and pirate oystermen from Virginia and Maryland. The latter are armed with rifles and small cannon and defy everyone. The Pasquotank Rifles and the Washington Light Infantry have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness.

Monday, Jan. 19.

Governor Hill has been nominated by the Democratic caucus and William M. Evarts has been re-nominated by the Republican caucus as U. S. Senators from New York.

Intense cold weather again prevails over the Continent. Throughout France the weather is extremely severe at one point the thermometer registered 4 degrees below zero. Many people have been frozen to death. Steamers on the Elbe river have great difficulty in moving at all, on account of ice, which in some places is eighteen inches thick. The gales are the severest in thirty years and many vessels have been wrecked on the Bay of Biscay. The severity of the weather in Great Britain is increasing.

Tuesday, Jan. 20.

The American National Bank of Kansas City closed its doors yesterday. The capital stock of the bank was \$1,250,000. The National Bank Examiner of Missouri, E. E. Marshall, has taken charge.

Advices from Zanzibar state that Baron Wissman has suddenly developed signs of insanity. The announcement has also been made that the Baron's recent recall is due to the fact that he has been pronounced to be suffering from cerebral affection.

Yesterday Gen. R. E. Lee's birthday was for the first time publicly observed throughout Virginia, the day having been made a public holiday by the last Legislature.

Advices from Denver state that the city of Anasazi has been almost completely destroyed by fire.

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