

Democrats Again Under the Leadership of Gorman

Steering Committee to Become an Active Force. Nomination of Crum Will Be Fought to the End

By THOMAS J. FENCE

Washington, March 6.—Special.—Arthur Pue Gorman was elected chairman of the Democratic caucus of the Senate today. This honor was unanimously and enthusiastically bestowed upon the Maryland senator by the Democrats of the Senate. In his position as leader of the Democratic party in Congress, for such he really will be, Mr. Gorman is restored to the position he so ably and successfully discharged before the party forsook its own and followed new leaders.

Some nominations down the throat of the Senate, which they term "distasteful." In some quarters it is suggested that they resist it by preventing the confirmation of any nominations sent in at the present session of the Senate, confining its business to the consideration of the canal and Cuban treaties exclusively. This would be a very extreme policy to pursue.

The appointment of a successor to Samuel H. Vick was again considered by the cabinet today. The matter was brought up informally by Postmaster General Payne. It is believed that the appointment of Dr. B. T. Person as postmaster at Wilson will be sent to the Senate Monday.

AGGIE'S TELEGRAMS

Dispatches Published as a War Department Document

Washington, March 6.—The bureau of insular affairs in the war department, has just published a pamphlet of forty-eight pages, giving the telegraphic correspondence of Emilio Aguinaldo from July 15, 1898, to February 25, 1899, during the period just preceding the fall of Manila to the outbreak of hostilities between the United States forces and the insurgents.

APPEAL FROM JUDGE ADAMS

Indians Want Their Case Heard in Supreme Court of United States

Washington, March 6.—A motion was made in the supreme court of the United States today on behalf of U. S. Junio, a Chickasaw Indian, for leave to file an original petition for a writ of prohibition against the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship court, forbidding it to certify a certain decree made by the next Congress, and it is also asked that a writ of certiorari be granted to bring up the case involved to the supreme court of the United States for review.

KILLED A BABY

Father, Mother and Daughter Sent to Jail

Charlotte, N. C., March 6.—Special.—Lula King and her mother and father, George and Julia King, were committed to jail without bail today, charged with the murder of Lula King's infant. The evidence as disclosed at the coroner's inquest this morning was revolting in the extreme.

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Trouble About Securing Street Car Equipment

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HIGH HONOR FOR TAFT

He is to Succeed Fuller as Chief Justice

MISSED THE MARK

Governor Heyward on the New Wisconsin Idea

Columbia, S. C., March 6.—Governor Heyward today received notice that the Legislature of Wisconsin had passed a resolution calling on the governor of that state to request all the other governors to appoint delegates to a convention called to meet in Atlanta for the purpose of discussing and, if possible, solving the race problem. The governor was asked for his opinion. He replied: "From every standpoint this action of the Wisconsin Legislature is worse than meaningless. Such a convention could not possibly bring any result so far as the proper aspect of the subject is concerned. Of all available reasons for the consideration of the race question I know of nothing more directly aimed in absolutely the wrong direction, so far as the proper solution of the problem is concerned, than would be such a convention. The personnel of such a body would be a heterogeneous mixture, entirely without the proper knowledge of the subject they were supposed to be able to discuss."

TWO HELD FOR MURDER

The Crime Was Committed Two Years Ago

Asheville, N. C., March 6.—Special.—Henry Gooden, a negro, today waived examination before a magistrate of this city and was committed to jail without bail to await a trial in the superior court on the charge of murder. Sallie Kinnead, a negro woman, was arraigned before the same magistrate on the charge of aiding and abetting the murder. Her case was continued until tomorrow morning on account of a lack of witnesses. The murder was committed in 1901. Gooden made his escape and, seemingly because no reward was ever offered for him, he stayed in this vicinity for some time and was never arrested. Some days ago Sheriff Reed was notified that the murderer was in Indianapolis and he and brought him here. Gooden was in a heavy house when some one in passing stole it. The negro ran out and, it is alleged, shot a young man, McKinnish, who was passing. The woman Kinnead is alleged to have incited the man to the deed.

KICKED BY A COLT

A Screw Loose in Wife Murderer's Make-up

Hamilton, Ohio, March 6.—Alfred A. Knapp, the self-confessed murderer, was visited today by his attorneys from Cincinnati. They say they cannot get ready for the preliminary hearing this week. There is no doubt whatever about the defense pleading insanity, and the first movement will be for an inquest.

AN OLD DOCTOR DEAD

Wilmington, N. C., March 6.—Special.—Dr. Joseph Christopher Shepard, one of the oldest and most respected members of the medical profession of Wilmington, died last night at his home, after an illness of a week, of heart failure.

A Wide Difference on the Bond Bill

House and Senate Disagree. Murphy Wins Fight for the Town of Shore—House Passes Early Closing Bill—Machinery Act. Other Matters

The hour for adjournment sine die is not yet in sight. The legislative mill is grinding slowly and the hopper is replenished each day. A number of new bills were presented to the House yesterday. The calendar is a heavy one and contains many important local bills, besides a great deal of public work remains yet to be completed.

MORNING SESSION

Deings of the Day in the House Related in Detail. The House was called to order promptly at ten o'clock and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. C. Wilson of Mocksville.

Introduction of Bills

The following bills were introduced: By Morris of McDowell—To pay the sheriff of McDowell county extra for holding courts.

Consideration of Machinery Act

The act to provide for raising revenue was considered. Judge Graham offered a number of amendments. One was to amend section 25 in regard to what shall be specified on tax list, by requiring tax-payers to file with list taken all insurance policies on property listed to aid in determining the value of such property.

Non-Concurrence in Amendments

A message from the Senate transmitting the bond bill amended so as to (Continued on sixth page)

sentatives in Congress to use their best efforts to secure the repeal of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution.

To abolish the office of standard keeper in Northampton county.

To amend the charter of the city of Southport.

To include a certain territory in Pamlico county in the stock law.

To regulate the sale of malt in the county of Cabarrus.

To amend chapter 550, laws 1901, relating to permanent registration of voters.

To amend chapter 2, volume 2 of the Code.

To amend chapter 251, laws of 1899, to make local option elections applicable to Anson county.

To define the place of business of domestic corporations, was tabled on motion of Judge Graham.

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Democratic Senators United and Aggressive

The Party Spirit to Be a Force Under the New Leadership—Full Consideration of Treaties

Washington, March 6.—When Senator Hale said to the newspaper reporters at the White House this morning, after he had called upon the president, that the Senate would adjourn about the week from Monday next, he probably had not conferred with the Democratic senators, who behind the closed doors of the caucus room, discussed the Democratic party in Congress towards pending legislation.

The meeting was called for the ostensible purpose of electing a caucus chairman in place of Senator Jones of Arkansas, whose term had expired. This work was soon completed by the unanimous choice of Senator Gorman of Maryland, who would have been the actual leader of the Senate Democrats from now on, whether elected to succeed Chairman Jones or not.

The first object of attack will be the legislation now before the Senate in the shape of the Panama canal and Cuban reciprocity treaties. The fact was developed as a result of today's caucus, that the opposition to both of these conventions will be much more serious than has been anticipated, and it is not too much to say that the Democrats, under the inspiration of their new leadership, and their prospects of cohesion and unity, will insist upon amending the canal treaty, even if they do not attempt to defeat it. They hope also to prevent the ratification of the Cuban reciprocity agreement.

In one of the executive sessions, held just before Congress adjourned, the statement was made by a Democratic senator that at the extra session Senator Morgan would be protected in his desire to debate the Panama canal treaty for a few days in his desire to educate the new senators who have not had the benefit of his illuminating arguments in opposition to the treaty, but that he would receive no assistance in his filibustering tactics. That understanding still holds good, but it is also true that the Democratic senators who are to be known hereafter as the leaders of their party will demand that the treaty be amended before they will consent to its ratification.

no man could figure the cost of an isthmian canal in money or in lives, and he favored the Nicaraguan route if the canal should be constructed. There are several Democratic senators who hold these views now, but they do not think it policy to express them until they realize that public sentiment is against them. This public sentiment may cause them now to regard discretion as the better part of valor and confine their opposition to forcing the amendment of the treaty. They perhaps have no fear whatever that in doing this way, will endanger the building of the canal, because they are confident that Colombia will grant any terms that this government sees fit to insist upon.

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