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CONGRESS AT WORK

Legislative Body Organizes and Gets to Work

WILLIAMS DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Speaker Cannon is Re-elected and Rules of Last Congress Are Adopted After Humorous Speech in Opposition by Mr. Williams.

Washington, Special.—Congress convened with little of the pomp and circumstance of other days. The presence of so much fuss and flowers conflicted with the idea of the eternalness of things entertained by the older statesmen. Hence, the formality of the opening session has become somewhat less spectacular affair. However, much fine raiment in the galleries relieved the sombre aspect of the floor, where flowers were bare, and the event proved as interesting in many respects as of yore.

The following caucus nominations were elected:

Clerk—Alexander McDowell, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Henry Cassoia, Wisconsin.

Doorkeeper—F. B. Lyon, New York.

Postmaster—Joseph C. McElroy, Ohio.

Chaplain—Rev. Henry N. Couden, Michigan.

The rules of the Fifty-eighth Congress, including the standing orders relating to the consideration of pension and claim bills on Fridays, on motion of Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, were ordered continued during the Fifty-ninth Congress. This resolution will be offered by Mr. Dalzell, when the House is organized next Monday.

Very little besides the organization of the House will be accomplished the first week of the session, although it is possible that an emergency appropriation for the Panama Canal may be passed the last of this week. Until the committees are appointed, such a bill would have to be considered by unanimous consent, or under a special order. It will depend upon the needs of the canal finances whether the emergency appropriation will be rushed through this week or go over until the week following.

Williams Minority Leader.

Washington, Special.—For two hours Saturday the Democratic members of the House of Representatives discussed party policies and procedure with a view to solidifying the minority and acting harmoniously upon all matters of a partisan character that may come before the House. John Sharpe Williams was unanimously chosen as the nominee for Speaker and this action of the caucus makes him the minority leader for the ensuing Congress to succeed himself.

Washington, Special.—“The American people have selected the Speaker of the House for the fifty-ninth Congress; it only remains for us to ratify their choice. I will not call for a formal nomination, but simply name Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois.”

The statement made by Chairman Hepburn Saturday to the Republican members of the House of Representatives was received by hearty cheers, and Mr. Cannon was immediately declared the nominee for Speaker. William P. Hepburn, of Iowa, was re-elected chairman of the caucus for the session and Henry C. Loudenslager, of New Jersey, secretary. Mr. Cannon sprang a surprise on his associates by pulling out of his pocket a typewritten speech, which he read from beginning to end.

Mr. Cannon said he would stand with his associates in upholding the policies of the Republican party, under which all the people have prospered. Referring to railway legislation, he said that “by the operation of competitive forces, that matters of difference between the corporations, the carrier, and the people they serve, would be adjusted to all.”

“The consensus of opinion of the people, however, is that Congress has the power, by amendment to the law, to provide better remedies for real abuses existing, so that the producer and consumer can find a more speedy and less expensive remedy than we now have. In this opinion, I, for one, concur. The burden is upon Congress, and our party, having power, is primarily responsible.”

Mr. Cannon urged that justice be done both to corporation and people, and in conclusion referred to the desirability of a short session.

Several New Senators Sworn In.

Washington, Special.—In the Senate Monday several new Senators were sworn in, including Mr. Frabler, of Tennessee. The credentials of Senator Taliaferro, of Florida, were presented by Senator Mallory. Senators Allison and Morgan were appointed as a committee to wait upon the President, together with a similar committee from the house.

MR. BROWN IN CHARLOTTE

Discusses the Cotton Situation With an Official of the Manufacturers' Body.

Charlotte, Special.—J. A. Brown, of Chadbourne, N. C., a member of the national executive committee of the Southern Cotton Association, and an official representative of that organization, was in this city Saturday to confer with Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr., president of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association.

At the meeting of the executive committee in Memphis, Tenn., on the 25th of last June, a resolution was introduced by Mr. Brown, which, among other things, enumerated that “the prosperity of the cotton grower was bound up with the well-being of the spinner,” and hence the association desired to place itself on record as favoring co-operation between producer and manufacturer and a committee was named to take up the matter with the American and New England Manufacturers' associations.

The conference was a lengthy one. With reference to the specific ideas discussed Mr. Brown would not talk. He expressed himself, however, as very highly pleased with the meeting stating that the cotton grower and the cotton spinner regarded the situation in the same light and that both were in a large measure naturally dependent one on the other.

“Negotiations are now pending for a community of interest,” said Mr. Brown.

It is said that the scheme which is being talked of is the formation of a gigantic corporation with sufficient capital to build warehouses at the cotton centres of this country and Europe and then buy up enough of the yearly crop to hold the balance of power in the market and regulate values.

\$2,000,000 Timber Deal.

Asheville, Special.—It was learned recently that George W. Vanderbilt has sold to W. S. and W. L. Alexander of Charlotte, and associates from other points, the standing timber of his famous Pisgah forest reserve. The reserve contains 81,000 acres of virgin forest, with 3,000,000 feet of marketable timber. The consideration will aggregate nearly \$2,000,000 in the final consummation. It is said that 20 years will be required to remove the lumber. The deal was consummated by B. F. A. Saylor, of Rome, Georgia, and Lentz & Cutting, of this city. In addition to the three million feet of lumber, the boundary contains one million feet of tannic acid, and pulp woods, and 40,000 cords of tan-bark. The deal is the largest ever consummated in this section. It is said that as a result of the transfer a furniture factory and tannic acid plant will be erected.

Chair Factory Burned.

Lexington, Special.—About 5 o'clock Friday morning fire completely destroyed the plant and contents of the Central Manufacturing Company, of this place. The loss is estimated at from \$15,000 to \$20,000, with insurance only \$10,000. It is not known exactly how the fire originated, but it came from the direction of the engine room, and when discovered, had made such headway that it was a matter of impossibility for the building or contents to be saved.

The News of the State.

Mr. James Young, a prominent citizen of Caroleen, was killed Saturday at his saw mill, a mile from town, by the falling of a smokestack. Death was almost instantaneous.

Mr. John A. Rone died at Caroleen Saturday morning, of paralysis. He was an excellent old gentleman.

Mrs. Lucinda Lee, of Palmtree, a nearby town, was buried Saturday. Her death was the result of injuries received in being thrown from a buggy.

Charles Olsen defeated James Parry in Asheville Thanksgiving night, for the middleweight championship of the world, and a side bet of \$1,000. The bout was the fastest ever seen in the city, and Olsen's staying powers gave him the victory. He won the first fall in 23 minutes and 10 seconds and the second bout in 10 minutes and 45 seconds.

Mrs. Ruburtus G. Rhyne died at Mt. Holly Wednesday night, after a very brief illness. She became ill Sunday and, with all that medical skill could do, she did not improve. Her death was a great shock to the community. The number of her friends, shown by their presence at the funeral, shows the high esteem in which she was held. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, and a consecrated Christian. She was a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Rore, of Mt. Pleasant. A husband and three small children survive her. She was laid to rest in the city cemetery, Rev. W. J. Boger preaching the funeral.

TAX ON DISPENSARY

South Carolina Institution Will Not Be Exempt

U. S. SUPREME COURT'S OPINION

Pretense That the Institution is Conducted as a Branch of the Police Power of the State is But Thinly Disguised, Says the Court in Affirming the Action of the Court of Claims on Petition for Recovery of \$20,000 Paid Since 1893.

Washington, Special.—The Supreme Court of the United States decided that the national government may properly tax the State liquor dispensaries of South Carolina. The opinion was delivered by Justice Brewer in the case of the State of South Carolina vs. the United States. This action was instituted by the State of South Carolina to recover \$20,000 paid to the revenue officers of the national government on account of the sale of liquors by the State and county dispensaries under the dispensary law. The State took the position that as the dispensaries sold liquors without profit they should not be taxed by the government, but the tax has been collected since 1893. This is said to have been the first case in which the State unites in one undertaking the exercise of its police power together with the prosecution of a commercial business. The Court of Claims dismissed the petition on the ground that the exercise of police power was but thinly disguised, holding that the real purpose was money making and this decision was affirmed.

COUNTING VOTES AS CAST.

Upon Argument by Alton B. Parker Justice Amend Rules That He is Estopped From Questioning Validity of Any Ballots Counted by Election Inspectors, and Recount Begins.

New York, Special.—The recount of ballots in five ballot boxes used in New York's mayoralty election contest was ordered to be begun Friday by Justice Amend in the Supreme Court.

The original order to open these five boxes was granted a few days ago. Justice Amend, in ordering the recount to begin, modified his original order so as to limit the canvassing to the candidates for mayor, comptroller and president of the board of aldermen, and also to eliminate from the recount the void and protested ballots.

Counsel for W. R. Hearst, Mayor McClellan and Assistant Corporation Counsel Butts engaged in a heated argument before the boxes were opened. Alton B. Parker, for Mayor McClellan, and Mr. Butts contended that the court had no right to make a re-canvass of the votes or to reconsider the result, but could compel the election inspectors correctly to state the result they reached on election night.

“You mean, then,” said Austin G. Fox, for Mr. Hearst, “that you do not want the true vote ascertained, and that if a vote for Hearst has been counted for McClellan you don't want it known?”

“I mean,” retorted Mr. Butts, “that I want the true vote ascertained according to law.”

“And how may that be done?” inquired Mr. Fox.

“By quo warranto proceedings,” was the reply.

“And such proceedings can only be undertaken after January,” commented Mr. Fox. “I see.”

Mr. Parker disclosed that the court had no right to throw out any ballot which had been counted by the election inspectors. Justice Amend ruled that he is estopped from questioning the validity of the ballots and they must be counted as cast.

The first ballot box was then opened by inspectors in the court room and the recount was begun, with the representatives of the newspapers occupying the seats intended for jurymen.

The opening of four ballot boxes and the recounting of the ballots was finished Saturday night before Judge Amend. The net results was a gain of seventeen votes in the four districts for Hearst, and of these being gained in three districts. Henry M. Younge, of counsel for Mr. Hearst, said: “The results thus far have shown that the inspectors miscounted the split ballots, to the gain of McClellan and the loss of Mr. Hearst. If it turns out in other districts as it has in those examined Mr. Hearst is elected on the recount.”

Mexico's Vice President.

Mexico City, Special.—Vice President Corral continues gravely ill with typhus fever. His physicians hope for the best and rely on his great vitality. There is much public anxiety regarding his condition.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

The cotton market steady, poor demand.

Low middling	10 1/2
Strict low middling	11
Middling	11 1/2
Strict middling	11 3/4
Good middling	11 3/8

General Cotton Market.

April	11.85
May	11.92
June	11.97
July	11.97
November	11.27
December	11.37
January	11.55
February	11.66
March	11.51

His "Purity" Was Beastiality.

Lenoir, Special.—At the recent term of Superior Court of Mitchell county, there was developed one of the most remarkable cases ever tried in this State. One J. B. Naugle, who had been a minister of the Gospel and was still a teacher and the author of a pamphlet entitled “The Key of Life,” promulgated a doctrine called Purity. His teachings are too shocking to be mentioned. They culminated in his being indicted and convicted of criminal intimacy with one of his pupils, continued for fifteen months in the same room with his wife and daughter, and with their knowledge. The good people of the county were indignant almost to the point of violence when the facts became known. Naugle is now serving a term of two years on the chain-gang of Iredell county, two years being the limit.

The Rev. Elam Under Bond.

Durham, Special.—Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Justice Owens tried Rev. Elam, a negro preacher, on the charge of shooting at Dave Lyon, a former member of Elam's church. He was sent over to court under bond. Two other cases will grow out of this difficulty, as the negro parson is to be charged with carrying concealed weapon and the Lyon negro with attempting to use a knife on the black parson.

The News of the State.

The Postmaster General has notified Congressman E. Y. Webb that rural free delivery routes for Mount Holly, Gaston County, and Connelly Springs, Burke County, will be established, commencing February 1st, 1906. Congressman Webb left Shelby for Washington to attend the opening of Congress.

Dr. H. J. Thomas, one of the most popular and successful physicians of Winston-Salem, died Thursday after several attacks of pneumonia which developed last week, this being the direct cause of his death, though the deceased had been in bad health for some time.

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The secretary of state has issued a commission to the Benettsville Grocery Company, to be capitalized at \$25,000. The incorporators are W. S. Mowry, Throop Crosland and C. E. Exum.

A. W. Gibbs, known to many as “Jud” Gibbs, met with a fatal accident at Barnardsville Monday morning. He was working in a combination saw mill and machine shop, when he was struck by a plank and knocked against a fly wheel. The top of his head was torn off, and he was otherwise cut and mangled. Gibbs was a widower with several children. He has many relatives in Burke.

It is learned from a most reliable authority that Rutherfordton will shortly have a new bank which will make the third institution of the kind for our growing and progressive town. The capital of the new enterprise will be \$20,000, the majority of the stock having already been subscribed by leading business men in different parts of the county.

The annual conference of the A. M. E. Zion church convened in Newbern and will continue in session until Monday. Bishop Lomax, of Charlotte is the presiding officer, and is assisted by Bishop Clinton, also of Charlotte.

Railway in the Desert.

A recent report by the German commercial attache at Constantinople gives some particulars of the railway, now in course of construction, which will ultimately connect Damascus and Mecca. The Hedjaz Railway is being made primarily on religious grounds. Were it not for the certain prospect of attracting an enormous pilgrim traffic the undertaking would never have been entered upon, for by far the greater portion of the twelve hundred miles of railway track will be laid in deserts and unproductive lands. The building is being carried out under German supervision, and as Turkish troops have been largely employed as laborers, the cost of the work will be comparatively small. The line from Damascus to Maan—about one-third of the total length—was opened to traffic last autumn. From a commercial standpoint the only benefit likely to be derived from the line will be the opening up to cultivation of certain districts near the Jordan, which have hitherto been neglected for lack of means to transport the crops. Some branch lines, however, are to be constructed for industrial purposes. One of these, from Haifa to Deraat, would have been completed in May but for damage caused by heavy floods. This will increase the trade of Haifa at the expense of Beirut.—Fall Mall Gazette.

HARD ON HIM.

“I can tell at a glance what people are thinking of me.”
“No wonder you are a misanthrope.”—Cleveland Leader.

Beautiful Student Gars.

The students of Syracuse University are seriously talking about wearing corduroy trousers of orange color. The advocates thereof set forth that durability, beauty and economy will be introduced by the custom. The durability feature will be admitted by every one who has tried to wear out a pair of corduroy trousers.—Springfield Republican.

Rumored Depew Has Resigned.

New York, Special.—A rumor has gained circulation that Chauncey M. Depew had resigned from the United States Senate. When questioned concerning the rumor, the Senator said, “I am tired of making denials of unpleasant questions, and am resolved not to talk further to newspapers. I will deny nothing nor will I affirm anything. I have learned a lesson from the past.”

Receiver for Railroads.

Cincinnati, Special.—An application for the appointment of a receiver for the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway and the Pere Marquette Railroad was filed in the United States Circuit Court here by Lawrence Maxwell, Jr., circuit Judge Lorton immediately began hearing the application and appointed Attorney General Judson Harmon as receiver for both roads. Insolvency is admitted.

The Czar of Russia has restored to Poles the right to purchase land in the kingdom of Poland.

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