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CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT

Following the general rule, the elections of 1898 would have gone heavily against the Republicans. Dissatisfaction with an administration usually finds expression in the first congressional election after the inauguration of the president on trial.

In 1866, after Johnson had succeeded to the presidency, the uneasiness of the people was as to congress. The danger then was from the executive, and with their hope centered in congress, the people elected 143 Republicans to 49 Democrats.

In 1882 there was dissension in the Republican ranks, and the Democrats elected 196 members of congress, and the Republicans only 118.

In 1888 the Republicans elected the president and regained control of the house by a majority of only five. In 1890, the off year, there was a Democratic landslide, and the house had 236 Democrats to 88 Republicans.

To break down this majority of fifty-one the Democrats entered upon the same sort of a campaign in August last as was waged against Lincoln in 1862. They represented that the volunteers in Southern camps were being starved, that the sick were dying through neglect, and that the army in Cuba was being decimated through incompetence or negligence of government officials.

Wherever Republicans were united on the war issue the results are very encouraging. We have lost only one state that gave its electoral vote to McKinley, and we have made

gains in states like Nebraska and Kansas, carried by Bryan. In Minnesota local issues and rivalries were thrown to the front, and more than usual disaffection prevailed on account of the alleged treatment of certain regiments of the National guard sent to the front.

The fact that there is a Republican majority in the house, and that the complexion of the several legislatures assures a Republican majority in the senate after the 4th of March, 1899, is most important to the future of the country.

THE KEY TO THE PACIFIC.

An eminent English engineer, Archibald R. Colquhoun, made a thorough examination a few years ago of the Nicaragua canal route. He published an extended report of his investigations under the significant head of "The Key to the Pacific."

The Forum of November contains a paper on the Nicaragua canal, written by ex Senator Warner Miller, in which some new facts are given, besides a restatement of many facts made fairly familiar to the public by current discussion of the general subject.

Even if the \$100,000,000 in question should cause an increase of the national debt to the full amount, it would be a good investment. As General Tracy said in one of his reports as secretary of the navy, "the canal must be built or two independent navies maintained, one in the Atlantic and one in the Pacific, and the increased cost of building the navy and maintaining it would be very much greater than the cost of building the canal."

Mr. Miller gives some interesting figures in reply to the practical ques-

tions which the subject suggests. He takes Shanghai, the dividing point of the trade spheres of the Suez and Nicaragua canals, as the base of a highly interesting calculation. At the present time our commerce labors under the net disadvantage of 2,030 miles in voyages to Shanghai, as compared with that of Liverpool.

The truth is that ever since the opening of the Suez canal, in 1870, European commerce has had a great advantage over the commerce of the United States. In this respect Europe's advantage has been a serious handicap to the commercial development of this country.

CONCERN ABOUT AMERICA.

It is clear Europe is far astray regarding the sort of influence which the United States is going to exert in the politics of the world. This fact is brought out by expressions of some public men and newspapers on the other side of the Atlantic in the past two or three days.

Throughout Europe, in and out of England, it is plain that an interpretation has been put upon these words which their author did not have in mind when he uttered them. Some of the English papers say that the Premier's words in relation to the United States are "ill-advised" and "maladroit."

All this is surprising to the United States. On both points covered by continental Europe's forebodings the American people can make a very positive disclaimer. No alliance exists between the United States and Great Britain. The entrance of the United States in the politics of the world carries with it no menace of war.

short of what is understood in continental Europe by the term alliance. The United States would enter into no alliance except in actual war, and that compact would cover no exigencies except those occurring during that struggle or directly growing out of it.

BILLS ALLOWED.

Table listing bills allowed with names and amounts. Includes Fred Verbes, putting in wood \$ 8 75; D W Munger, work on bridge 3 00; S J Brown, sawing wood 1 75; Lewis & Dryden Co, records 32 25; Hugh Glenn, book case circuit judge's office 11 95; Irwin-Hodson Co, supplies sheriff's office 13 05; Irwin & Hodson, supplies clerk's office 9 50; Chas Wallace, constable fees 43 20; John Reigan, dept sheriff at election 2 00; A H Heekman, witness fees 3 50; Oregon Telephone & Telegraph Co, messages and rent 15 70; L Rorden & Co, pitcher for court house 90; Lucas Blank, repairing and cleaning county jail 15 00; Glass & Bradburn, supplies sheriff 208 00; W H Whipple, assessor 4 00; J Sutherland, witness fees 25 00; Ida Wakefield, wk on tax rolls 25 00; Josie Jenkins, do 25 00; Schnack & Beall, insurance premium 75 00; I C Nickelson, supplies 3 25; Dalles City Water Works, water rent 11 25; Robert Kelly, board of prisoners Chronicle Publishing Co, printing and publishing 67 75; Peter Godfrey, work on road 170 00; L L McCartney, co Van Duyn & Adams, supplies county road 1 32; P H Meeker, labor on road 12 00; J A Campbell, do 3 00; Marion Hunt, do 17 15; Mays & Crowe, supplies Ward & Son, timber for bridge 38 40; J T Peters & Co, wood and lumber 159 14; H H Tomlinson, balance on bill 5 00; J B Goit, surveying 11 40; Wm Rawson, viewling road 4 00; H M Morgan, do 4 00; David Stewart, do 4 00; D D Nelson, chainman 4 00; J E Obrist, do 4 00; D L Cates, juror inquest Peterson 1 00; C H Traek, do 1 00; John Trana, do 1 00; A B Glazier, do 1 00; C Memri, do 1 00; W H Glazier, do 1 00; Francis Conlin, witness 1 50; Jack McCamy, do 1 50; James Vasom, do 1 50; Andrew Frasers, do 1 50; W H Butts, coroner 20 75; Dr M F Shaw, attending pauper Mrs M S Noleman, caring for pauper 16 00; Williams & Brosius, medicine for pauper 10 95; Chas Chandler, assistance for pauper 12 50; Dr R C Hollister, assistance for pauper (not allowed) 13 50; Boys and Girls Aid Society, keeping Waco county children 10 00; Mrs M Glisan, board and lodging paupers 80 00; St Vincent Hospital, care paupers 60 00; J B Goit, establishing section corner 1 50; F C Brosius, services and medicine for paupers 16 30; Dr O C Hollister, examining insane and care for pauper 40 00; L Klindt, labor on road 4 00; C E Bayard, fees justice of the peace 76 15; F N Hill, fees constable 94 95;

Table listing witness fees and bounties on wild animals. Includes C W Deitzel 1 50; J L Kelly 1 50; M Randall 1 50; H H Riddell 1 50; C L Phillips 1 50; C F Lauer 1 50; Geo A Meloy 9 00; Jasper Ensley 8 80; L Davis 8 80; H Pittman 4 50; W Wilson 1 50; C F Lauer 1 50; Ah Chow 1 50; W H Morris 1 50; Monroe Drake 3 10; Mrs S J Drake 3 10; Mrs Lizzie Dufur 6 00; A B Dufur 6 00; Chas Sparling 6 00; Elmer Rouse 6 00;

Table listing names and amounts. Includes O L Walter 2 00; J F Smith 1 00; Ben Morgan 2 00; W A B Campbell 52 00; C H Kope 1 00; H F Wagonblast 2 00; M W Freeman 1 00; T J Brown 1 00; Mrs J W Thomas 1 00; H Snipes 1 00; Ralph Doyle 1 00; Frank Gable 1 00; W J Davidson 23 00; T Wilson 3 00; J W Russell 3 00; W C Gordian 1 00; August Rees 1 00; Geo A Malory 3 00; Calvin Durnakiu 3 00; A Y Marsh 1 00; D A Turner 2 00; O L Walters 1 00; E E Guetin 1 00; R A Thompson 1 00; Clarence Dunsmore 1 00; Peter Fleck 1 00; J L Confer 3 00; W F Guyton 2 00; J F Smith 2 00; August Deckart 1 00; J T Dayenport 2 00; J W Elton 3 00; H F Woodcock 15 00; B Sellinger 4 00; Robert Leasure 5 00; A G McCorney 1 00; Henry Snipes 1 00; Frank Johnson 1 00; Thompson (Indian) 1 00; Jesse Flemming 2 00; Stockmen's Union 108 00; W R Winans 1 00;

Table listing witness fees. Includes William Allen 1 50; Arthur Clarke 1 50; Rodolph Frank 1 50; Allen Roberts 5 50; Gerald Wynn 5 50; Chas Adams 4 20; Joseph Hanna 4 20; Paul Schmidt 3 00; Mike Welsh 1 50; Henry Hanna 2 70; Jacob Whittle 2 90; O W Gott 1 00; Joseph Bergeson 1 50; Walter Scott 1 50; E J Long 1 50; G M Cushing, keeping paupers C L Gilbert, sundry bills 16 00; J A Douthit, pub. and printing, not allowed 142 25; G M Cornett, fare for prisoners from Antelope 12 00; E J Glisan, board for prisoners from Antelope 6 00; W H Butts coroner's fees 13 75; CORONER'S JURY; DS Dufur 2 60; Louis Montello 1 00; C Gosser 1 00; W C Clark 1 00; Geo W Henderson, rebate on tax Mrs H W Gamble 7 04; J A Douthit, printing and publishing 10 00; Dr B C Rinehart, attendance on pauper, not allowed 25 00; Florence Crittenden Refuge Home appropriation 50 00; M W Winans, services supervisor 20 00; M S Sill, witness fee 1 60; Chas Delore, do 1 60; J W Blakeney, conveying pauper to boat 50; L D Holgate, rebate taxes 6 82;

Are Needing Assistance. A special edition has been issued by the Canyon City News devoted mainly to giving publicity to the fact that the people of that city who lost their homes,

in fact all they possessed on earth in a financial way, are in a pitiable condition. It says: We must have assistance from the outside world and must have it quickly or misery and hardships will follow in the wake of the fire. On the eve of a cold and chilly winter to be burned out of a comfortable home and forced out into the cold and cheerless world with hardly clothes enough to cover our backs, we would be heartless if we were not thankful for whatever favor granted. Think of home and children. Dalles people surely have had experience enough in this line to place them in a position to sympathize with and assist their unfortunate neighbors. While it seems to our citizens that every day brings forth new avenues which call for expenditures, yet certainly this is one which cannot be, nor would we seek to overlook. The smallest contribution will be gratefully received. Let us not forget the days of our own need, and thus we will be led to sympathize with those of our neighbors. Beside, in a business way The Dalles has received very substantial aid from the residents of that section.

Wheat, and Other Things.

The wheat outlook is still discouraging, the price remaining at 51 cents. Reports from exporting points everywhere are in the same tone. Our local markets are as follows: Hay and grain—Wheat, \$10 a ton. Timothy, \$12. Oats, \$24. Barley, (rolled) \$24. Bran and shorts, \$14. Potatoes—45 cents a sack. Cabbage—1 1/2 cent a pound. Cauliflower—75 cents a dozen. Celery—40 cents a dozen. Onions—\$1.15 a sack. Carrots, beets, turnips and parsnips—1 cent a pound. Eggs—Eastern, 22; Oregon, 25 cents. Butter—Creamery, 55; dairy, 50 cents. Chickens—\$2.75 to \$3 a dozen. Ducks—\$3.50 a dozen. Turkeys—Alive, 9 cts; dressed, 11 cts.

Special Lecture, by Request.

The ladies of The Dalles who have listened to Mrs. Read's lectures, realizing the necessity of a better understanding of the human body and the laws of health governing it, have requested her to remain over and give a special lecture to mothers and daughters this Saturday afternoon. The lecture will be held in the small K. of P. Hall and will begin promptly at 2:30 o'clock. At the close of the general lecture there will be a special talk to girls. Questions oral or written will be answered. Admission free.

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