

THE MAHONE CASE

BITTER AND FIERCE OPPOSITION TO ITS PURCHASE. The House became involved in a Parliamentary Tangle and the Bill Was Finally Abandoned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Today was wasted in the house, so far as the purpose for which the day was set aside was concerned, namely, to consider bills reported from the committee on public buildings and grounds. Only one bill was called up—that to purchase what is known as the Mahone site for a new public printing office, but the opposition was fierce and bitter, and after a wrangle of several hours the bill was abandoned.

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THE SENATE DEBATE

of the present senator, and he heartily supported the greenback legislation. It was Allen G. Thurman of Ohio, who said: "I do not question the democracy of Allen G. Thurman," said Hill, "but I sometimes think our Western friends get unusual quantities of their brains from the West. And we return the Western compliment to you of the East," said Voorhes.

Hill closed with an earnest appeal against the financial policy. Then Teller, who had been absent from the senate since a motion to lay the amendment on the table. Then Thurman said he desired a final word. He said that in view of the statements made during the debate, and also of the intimations of obstruction, he was authorized by the committee on appropriations to withdraw the proposed financial policy of the country. Hill at once offered an amendment repealing all laws giving authority for the issue of bonds, and Aldrich made a point of order against the amendment as general legislation.

"The chair has no hesitancy in reaching a conclusion," said the vice-president, as he ordered the rule to be read, adding: "Under the circumstances, the amendment is general legislation and is not in order." "But the time will come and come soon," said Mills, "when this question will have to be met and voted on in the senate."

"This closed the financial debate. The senate then turned its attention to the revenue bill. The amendment heretofore proposed for a committee of nine to represent the United States at an international monetary commission, three to be named by the senate and three by the house. Allen made a point of order against the provision on the ground it was general legislation. The point was sustained and the amendment ordered to be withdrawn.

Morrill offered an amendment appropriating \$30,000 for fire proofing the roof and other portions of Statuary hall in the Capitol building in Washington. The amendment was agreed to, and then, on motion of Platt, an amendment was agreed to continuing the office of the secretary of the commission, appropriating \$30,000 therefor, and authorizing the president to appoint two additional members of the commission.

On motion of Pascoe an amendment was agreed to appropriating \$20,000 to enable a board of engineers officers of the army to ascertain the feasibility and cost of the construction and completion of the Nicaragua canal. The amendment was agreed to, and the bill already passed by the senate. Then Bate offered an amendment providing for a government exhibit at the Tennessee centennial exposition in Nashville, in 1896. Bate said he had intended to offer an amendment which would make the appropriation available when the stability of the Tennessee exposition was confirmed by St. H. Clay Evans, governor of Tennessee, adding: "There are two governors in Tennessee, two in South Carolina and two in Alabama. In each case, the person elected by the people is out of office and the one not elected is in it. Further, it is not a question of cost. I desire to submit some other matter of public interest. I have the matter which I have alluded to, which I hope to get in between action on the appropriation bills and the close of the session."

Stewart applied that he would not be betrayed into a discussion, and said it would be time to cross that bridge when it is reached. No action was taken on Bate's amendment, and Hill pending when the senate adjourned.

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