

DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Interest in Philippine Debate Is Increasing.

AMENDMENTS ARE OFFERED

Speeches Were Made Yesterday by Morgan and Spooner for the Bill, and by Clay Against It.

Interest in the Philippine debate is increasing as the drawing nears to a close. Yesterday, the Senate galleries were thronged with auditors, and the attendance on the floor was larger than it has been for some time, including many members of the House of Representatives...

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The Senate convened at 11 o'clock in order that additional time might be afforded for the discussion of the Philippine bill. A joint resolution was introduced and passed authorizing the Secretary of War to order to the Governor of New Jersey as many condemned bronze cannon not weighing over 1000 pounds as might be necessary for the construction of the fortifications of General W. J. Sewell. The conference report on the river and harbor bill was presented and without comment agreed to. Consideration was resumed of the Philippine bill...

Providing that nothing in the pending bill shall be construed as any portion of the act providing for revenue for the Philippines; providing that a single homestead entry shall not exceed 60 acres in extent; providing that the beneficial use shall be the basis, the measure and the limit of rights to water in the islands, and that the Government is authorized to make rules for the use of the water supply...

Supported by Morgan. Morgan then addressed the Senate upon the bill. He cordially approved the measure, which he regarded as a decided improvement on the law now in the islands. Certain charges, which he did not indicate, ought to be made in the bill, but in a general way it looked toward peace. The insurgents who were the cause of the Government to provide a just and equitable government for the people. Disasters in the country, which he believed, kept the bolomen and ladrones in the field. When that was settled, peace would be assured. If Aguinaldo in fact driven Spanish dominion from the islands or had destroyed the power of the United States to hold Manila under the peace protocol, he said, he had worked a miracle on the development of national power that no other man ever attempted. "If Spain was unable to cope with his forces," he said, "it does not follow that Aguinaldo could destroy by an edict the military and naval forces of the United States. I expect those who would see a fatal mistake in the policy of the cession of the islands to the United States. I still excuse them for not trying to repeal that concession when we knew the success of such an effort would throw the Filipino people back into the arms of Spain, whose tyrannies have made her the unfortuniest of nations. To have crowned such a war, waged with such a generous purpose, with such a result, he said, would have damaged stronger hearts than those that bent in the bosoms even of his Democratic colleagues.

There never has been, said Morgan, a pretense of organized government in the Philippines. It was unjust to criticize Dewey for not recognizing Aguinaldo as President of the Philippines Government. Had he done so, he would have given aid and comfort to the declared enemies of the United States. This was the least attitude of American statesmen toward any Filipino, because Dewey had no power to change a declaration of war by Congress. "Dewey," he said, "believed Aguinaldo was devoted to the success of the American arms, and had no reason to believe that he was a self-seeking adventurer. The laudations of Aguinaldo's patriotism and heroism that have been poured out in his honor here and elsewhere are not to be regarded as much out of place as if they had been uttered in honor of the fox in Aesop's fables. Aguinaldo was only a convenient instrument in the hands of conspirators. Had he died, another would have been found for the Hong Kong junta had not committed their fortunes perpetually to him.

"The Philippines are not fighting for liberty," Morgan continued, "but simply as the savage tools of the junta at Hong Kong. He spoke of the religious freedom given to the Philippines by the United States, and said that it was for this he pleaded his excuse to his Democratic brethren for insisting that this cardinal principle must be permanent in the Philippines. It was our arms that dethroned church and state in the Philippines, whereas Aguinaldo could not have accomplished that had he ever attempted it.

"We have dedicated those islands," he said, "to the freedom of religion; we have unshackled them from the dominion of an established church, and no power will ever exist that can undo our work through military, civil or other agencies. Reverting to the question of citizenship, he declared that if the Philippines are not fit to be citizens of the United States they are not fit to govern themselves. He said that he did not believe that any people will suffer harm through our efforts to bless them. At the conclusion of Morgan's speech, the Senate, on motion of Lodge, agreed that when it adjourns today, it be until Saturday. After some routine business Clay ad-

INCREASES THE COINAGE

HOUSE PASSES THE BILL FINANCIAL BILL. The Democrats Direct Their Fight Against the Provision to Re-coin Standard Dollars.

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RIVERS ARE BOOMING

FLOODS IN THE ARKANSAS VALLEY THREATEN WICHITA.

High Water in Many Streams in the Middle West Do Much Damage to Bridges.

WICHITA, Kan., May 29.—Two floods, aggregating 15 feet of water, are coming down the Arkansas River, and the people along the river in Southern Kansas are becoming alarmed. The first one passed Dodge City at 11:29 today, and is coming in one crest of water five feet high. It is expected to reach Wichita at 8 o'clock tomorrow. The second flood is coming in a wave of 10 feet high, and passed Garden City at 1:30 o'clock. The river here will not be able to carry the water, if a threatened rain tonight falls.

Trucks and Bridges Washed Out. OKLAHOMA CITY, O. T., May 29.—The unprecedented rains of the past few days in the western half of Oklahoma are causing great floods. The Washita River rose nearly two feet last night, and is still coming up. The Rock Island track between Anadarko and El Reno was washed out and trains are stopped. At El Reno, where the North Canadian River is at the highest point ever known, and is still rising, the railway bridge has been washed out. At Bridgeport the South Canadian River has overflowed the valley and the railway bridge is in danger. A great portion of Greer County, where five inches of rain has fallen, is flooded, and at Weatherford the Washita River is a mile wide. The damage to crops and railways will be heavy.

Washouts on the Santa Fe. PUEBLO, Colo., May 29.—In addition to the big washouts on the Santa Fe Railroad near Los Animas, caused by the rush of water from the Purgatoire River Arkansas River, the bridge over the Arkansas River at Pueblo, near the junction of the Santa Fe and Missouri Pacific, has gone out. It is stated at La Junta that the gaps cannot be crossed for several days. A switch has been laid at Pueblo station, and the Santa Fe line has gone out. It is stated at La Junta that the gaps cannot be crossed for several days. A switch has been laid at Pueblo station, and the Santa Fe line has gone out. It is stated at La Junta that the gaps cannot be crossed for several days. A switch has been laid at Pueblo station, and the Santa Fe line has gone out.

Wheat Fields Submerged. TULSA, I. T., May 29.—Heavy rains fell Tuesday and Wednesday night, followed by a continuous downpour today, that has thoroughly saturated the ground, and level prairie roads are almost impassable. The Verdigris River is higher than since the flood in December, 1901. Bird Creek is three miles wide north of Tulsa. Hundreds of acres of the finest wheat are entirely submerged.

FRENCHMEN AT BANQUET Sons of St. Patrick Entertain Rochambeau Delegates.

NEW YORK, May 29.—The members of the French delegation to the centennial of the New York City are being entertained at a banquet given at the Waldorf-Astoria by the Sons of St. Patrick. The French delegation consists of General Goussier, president of the society, and several other officers. The banquet was given at the Waldorf-Astoria by the Sons of St. Patrick.

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