

OFF ON A NEW TACK

Statehood Debate Has Turned to Mormonism.

IS POLYGAMY STILL PRACTICED?

Opponents of Bill Say It Is in Mexico, and Demand a New Revelation—Friends of New States Renew Charge of Obstruction.

The statehood bill again yesterday gained the greater share of the Senate's attention. Kean continued, but did not conclude, his speech, and toward the close of the day there was a general debate on the allegation of the opposition to the bill that it does not contain sufficient safeguard against polygamy.

A large number of bills to which there was no opposition were passed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—At the opening of the Senate today, Gallinger presented a partial report of the conference on the bill increasing pensions to ex-soldiers who have lost limbs. He stated that the House changed the rates materially, increasing some of the rates and decreasing others. The report was adopted and further conference ordered.

Morgan again called up his resolution requiring the Secretary of the Navy to forward papers relating to the movements and correspondence of naval officers in Colombian waters during the past year. Hale's motion to refer to the committee on naval affairs prevailed. The bill passed, 31 to 18. The resolution was therefore referred, and when Morgan complained that it would not be acted upon by the committee, Hale replied that it would not be favorably reported in its present form with his consent.

The Senate then passed the following bill: Authorizing the promotion of Major William Crawford Gorgas, surgeon in the United States Army; for the relief of Captain Joseph M. Simma of the United States revenue service, and for the relief of the owners of the brig Oliver Francis, granting suspension of six months each for widows of Generals Siegel and Negley; for the protection of National preserves and National parks of the United States. This bill is one of the same kind as was passed the other day, and relates to parks and reservations.

Kean then resumed his remarks in opposition to the statehood bill. He read from a book of travel by a German author to show that polygamy now exists in the Mormon Church in the Republic of Mexico, and the act was committed on by Beveridge, Spooner, and as going to show that the contention that polygamy had been abolished is not well founded.

Spencer asked Rawlins whether the revelation for abolition had covered Mexico. Rawlins referred him to the documents, saying he did not care to put any construction upon them, but he marked that "possibly that revelation had not been able to speak Spanish." Rawlins added later that as he recalled President Snow's proclamation forbidding polygamy it had covered the Mormons throughout the world.

Depew read the proclamation to show that polygamy had only been "suspended" and not prohibited. He then read the revelation from the Mormon Church which should be forthcoming.

"If the Senator wants an authoritative statement in the Senate, he may have all his doubts removed at once, when the next Senator from Utah takes his seat," remarked Bacon.

"That," replied Depew, "is the only argument that has been made for the admission of a Mormon to the Senate."

Teller expressed the opinion, notwithstanding the declaration of the book quoted, that polygamy does not exist among Mormons in Mexico. He did not believe the people or priests of that country would tolerate that practice. He added it was his conviction that the question of polygamy is entirely foreign to the subject of statehood. He went on to say that the question was a mere bugaboo, which had been brought in only for the purpose of delay.

Spencer took issue with the last statement, and urged the importance of the subject. With him it was not a trifling matter, nor a mere question of delay, and when "we are told here that the Mormon Church controls elections in a state now in the Union, I think we must admit that that state was never prepared for admission."

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Replying, Teller said the reason why the Democrats had not spoken was found in the fact that they did not want to assist in the delay which he believed had been prearranged, prearranged and studiously followed, by what he believed to be the minority in the Senate.

The Senate then went into executive session, and at 4:40 adjourned.

TO CREATE FIXED RATIO.

Amendment to Philippine Currency Bill for Relief of Silver Nations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Senator Patterson today introduced an amendment to the Philippine currency bill to carry into effect the recommendation of the President for the appointment of a commission to devise a plan for a commercial exchange rate between gold and silver coins.

The amendment authorizes the President to invite Great Britain, France and Germany and other gold-standard countries, Mexico and China and other silver-standard countries to meet representatives to be appointed by the President to devise a plan for the adoption of the several governments, by which a fixed commercial exchange rate shall be established and maintained between the silver-standard countries and the gold-standard countries, and that when such a plan shall be agreed upon by the delegates of the countries herein specifically named with those of the United States, the President shall report the same to Congress and upon its approval by Congress the President shall use the good offices of the United States to secure its adoption by other governments.

AGREE ON COMMERCE BILL.

Senators Stand Firm and House Conferees Yield Their Point.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The conference on the Department of Commerce bill have reached an agreement on the contentious of the Senate in the most important matters have been acceded to by the House conferees, which leave the Interstate Commerce Commission a separate organization. All reference to the Interstate Commerce Commission is eliminated, and the statistical bureau to be transferred

are specified as being confined to the War Department, the Navy and the Department of Justice.

Previous to the meeting of the conferees, Senator Clay asked the Democratic members of the Senate to meet him in conference in the Democratic cloakroom to discuss the deadlock. He explained the situation to them, and all of them expressed their willingness to stand with him in opposition to the report of the conferees. In case the bureau should be transferred to the new department, Senator Clay carried the information of this proceeding to the conferees.

Senator Nelson stood with him in demanding that the commission be left as an independent division of the Government, while Senator Hanna took the position that he did not desire to see the success of the bill should be impeded by an amendment to accomplish a purpose which he thought had been already accomplished. Senator Nelson suggested the provision specifically mentioning the statistical bureau to be transferred.

Hepburn was the first of the House conferees to yield, and soon afterwards the other members came over, and the work of creating the new executive department was completed, so far as the conferees were able to accomplish it.

Appointed by the President.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate: Navy—Lieutenant-Commander Robert Apple, to be Commander. Revenue cutter service promotions—First Lieutenant William F. Reynolds to be Captain; Second Lieutenant Edward C. Johnston, to be First Lieutenant; Third Lieutenant Joseph B. Crozier, to be Second Lieutenant.

General Davis' Promotion Confirmed.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of Charles L. Davis, Fifth Infantry, to be Brigadier-General in the Army.

Jusserand Presented to Roosevelt.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Mr. Jusserand, the recently appointed French ambassador, was presented formally to President Roosevelt today.

FOUGHT HORSETHIEVES.

When Smoke Cleared Away, Two Were Dead, One Surrendered.

VINETA, I. T., Feb. 7.—In a fierce battle between United States Deputy Marshal and a band of horse thieves at Blue Jacket, I. T., today, two of the band were instantly killed and another surrendered to the officers. When the Deputies landed at the house occupied by the band, they were met by two armed men, heavily armed. A fight followed, and when the smoke cleared away, two men were dead, and one was being taken away by the band. The band was then taken away by the band.

MUST FINISH HIS TRIAL.

Dr. Alexander Fails to Knock Out Some Grave-Robbing Charges.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 7.—The defense today in the trial of Dr. J. C. Alexander for grave-robbing, asked that the jury be directed to find the defendant guilty of the charge of grave-robbing, and that the fourth count be withdrawn from the jury.

The court then charged that Dr. Alexander was "demonstrator of anatomy" of the college and had possession of the body of Rose Neidinger. After hearing arguments the court overruled the motion of the defense.

Mr. Spain followed this ruling with a motion to withdraw the second and fourth counts of the indictment from the jury, these counts charging the defendant with having and concealing the body of Rose Neidinger, which he said were separate crimes. This was also overruled.

The court then adjourned until Monday, when the defense will take up its case.

DRILL SAFES IN DAYTIME.

Expert Cracksmen Fly Their Trade in New York City.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Expert cracksmen visited the tenderloin section early today and opened two safes, one by skillful drilling and the other by a charge of nitro-glycerine that shattered the massive box into bits no bigger than one's hand.

Hughes Bros., contractors on West Twenty-second street, and the Calkins, a booker auction-rooms, on West Twenty-eighth streets, were the victims, and between them they lost nearly \$200 in money and silverware.

Embassies Customs Receipts.
NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Byram H. Winters, for seven years in charge of the Customs Bureau, was arrested today on a charge of embezzling money from the United States. The alleged theft is over \$3000. Collector Stranahan was the complainant. Winters was held in \$10,000 bail. A Commissioner Shield for trial, examination being waived.

Collector Stranahan made this statement:

"Byram H. Winters, a clerk in the Customs-House, who for seven years has been in charge of the customs bureau at the postoffice, has been found short in his accounts. He was appointed March 23, 1898. The shortage in the present figures would seem to be about \$3000."

Accused on Second Trial.
REDDING, Cal., Feb. 7.—William Pratt, who has been on trial two weeks, charged with the murder of his wife, was today declared not guilty. Mrs. Pratt was found dead in November, 1901, at her home in Chester County. Her husband was charged with the crime, and at his trial Chester County was convicted of murder in the first degree. Pratt's counsel argued that the woman committed suicide and asked for a new trial and a change of venue, alleging that the minds of the Chester County residents had been poisoned against their client. A change of venue was granted, and Pratt was placed on trial in Berks County, with the above result.

Young Promises Not to Show.
ST. PAUL, Feb. 7.—Cole Younger today complied with the conditions in the plea of the State Board of Pardons, filing with Governor Van Sant a statement promising:

"I will never exhibit myself or allow myself to be exhibited in any place of amusement or assembly where a charge is made for admission."

Young Is Declared Sane.
NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—William Hooper Young, on trial for the murder of Mrs. Anna Kingston Pultizer, was declared sane today by a commission in lunacy, composed of Dr. J. M. McDonald and Dana, appointed by Judge Herrick.

Swift Action of Judge Lynch.
DUBLIN, Ga., Feb. 7.—Lee Hall, colored, who shot and mortally wounded Sheriff Crawford last Wednesday night, was taken from jail at Wrigleville today and lynched.

Veteran Newspaper Man Dead.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Henry G. Hayes, for many years prominent as a correspondent and one of the most accomplished legislative reporters of his time, died yesterday at his home in this city, aged 74 years.

Mr. Hayes was born in County Cavan, Ireland, in 1829, and came to the United States in 1850 with his brother, who also is an expert stenographer. Mr. Hayes for a number of years reported the debates in Congress, was at one time managing editor of the New York Herald and afterward connected with the Associated Press. He was an accomplished linguist.

Mr. Hayes, owing to ill health, was several months ago compelled to give up his stenographic work. He is survived by a widow, two sons and four daughters.

Have you friends coming from the East?
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NOT WITH CLEVELAND

WILL BRYAN SIT DOWN TO THE BANQUET BOARD?

When He Finds Iroquois Club Has Invited Ex-President, Refuses to Attend on Jackson's Birthday.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—William J. Bryan today declared that he would refuse to attend any banquet to which Grover Cleveland was to be invited. Mr. Bryan's declaration was made through an intimate friend to the officers of the Iroquois Club, which intended to invite Bryan, Cleveland and other Democratic leaders to a banquet to be held on Jackson's birthday, March 16. It had been proposed to make this banquet the occasion for a National Democratic love feast.

The banquet committee of the club had prepared a list of the prominent Democrats to whom invitations to be present and deliver addresses were to be sent. The first name on the list was that of Grover Cleveland. The second one was that of William J. Bryan. Mr. Bryan's refusal to attend the banquet was a surprise to the list of those who were to be invited to the Iroquois Club banquet.

"What need is there of inviting any one else to a banquet at which Cleveland is to be present?" he asked, and he requested a friend to have his name stricken from the list of those who were to be invited to the Iroquois Club banquet.

In compliance with Mr. Bryan's expressed wish, Judge Tuley, president of the Iroquois Club, had been of his intention. He will refer the question of issuing an invitation to Mr. Bryan to the banquet committee.

Among the men who are invited to attend the banquet are Grover Cleveland, Horace Bole, David B. Hill, J. J. Hill, Richard Olney, William C. Whitney, Daniel Lamont, Don M. Dickinson, Henry Watterson, ex-Attorney-General Harmon and Senator Blair.

TO SAVE MURDERER'S LIFE.

Cheyenne Lawyer Attempts to Smuggle Bill Through Legislature.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 7.—An innocent appearing bill introduced in the Wyoming Legislature January 21 is now credited with having for its purpose the saving of the life of Tom Horn, convicted of the murder of Willie Nickel, and who is now under sentence of death. The bill abolished capital punishment and becomes operative against all sentences of death already pronounced and not executed at the passage of the act. The bill changes the punishment for crimes now punishable by death to life imprisonment, but seems to apply only to crimes to be committed in the future. It is claimed by some that should it pass Horn could be released from prison on habeas corpus proceedings, but the life imprisonment clause is not so simple. The bill abolishes capital punishment and there would be no law under which Horn could be held. The bill is in the hands of the judicial committee, the chairman of which was one of Horn's attorneys at the time of his trial.

ANSWERS WITH AN ARMY.

Sultan of Turkey Forestalls Protests Against Misrule in Macedonia.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—Official advice have been received here confirming the report that the Sultan of Turkey has ordered the immediate mobilization of 20,000 troops for a military demonstration in Macedonia. The steps taken are regarded with apprehension by the French officials as being likely to involve complications between Turkey and Russia and Austria.

It is said that the Russian and Austrian governments have agreed on a firm note to the Sultan, which will be presented within the next few days, insisting on administrative and official reforms in Macedonia. Although France will not be a party to the note, she will approve it. It is considered that the chairman of the judicial committee, the chairman of which was one of Horn's attorneys at the time of his trial.

DEWET GROWS ANGRY.
Answers Fiercely Chamberlain's Remark to Boer Malcontents.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Feb. 7.—The conference here yesterday between Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and 40 Boers of the extreme party, including Christian Dewet, at which Chamberlain rebuked the delegation for presenting him with an address which he regarded as insulting, inasmuch as it impugned the good faith of himself and government, has further widened the breach between the Boer factions. Christian Dewet, who spoke after Mr. Chamberlain, said:

"His remarks would come like mustard after meat," and concluded by asserting that no co-operation of the Boers was possible as long as Piet Dewet and Christian Dewet both represented the people. The country would not be ruled by them, but would rule them. Dewet would not rest until he had caused a rebellion, not an armed rebellion, but a rebellion of indignation and discontent against the government."

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