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COUNTING THE VOTE.

The Formal Act Performed by Congress—A Little Historic Gossip.

The electoral votes of the 45 states of the Union were formally counted at the joint session of the house and senate held in Washington on Wednesday last, for that purpose, and Vice-President Stevenson proclaimed the election of McKinley and Hobart as president and vice-president, respectively. Although the sky was overcast, the weather was auspicious, and the galleries of the hall of representatives were thronged. The general public besieged the doors in vain, as but small space was reserved for them. Ladies were arrayed in gay toilettes, and gave touches of color to the brilliant setting of the scene. Many distinguished personages witnessed the count, among them Ambassador Patenotre and Chancellor Bourne, of the French embassy; Mr. Chat, Chang, of the Chinese legation; Baron von Tieleman, Secretary Mateu, of the Japanese legation; Vincent Tyro, of the Portuguese legation, and Sir Richard Cartwright, of the Canadian government. No member of President Cleveland's family was present.

A cordon of blue-coated, brass-buttoned police hedged about the senators as they marched majestically over the house, preceded by Vice-President Stevenson and Mr. Cox, secretary of the senate, with the returns locked in a cherry-colored box. This guarding of the returns was a precaution first taken by Acting Vice-President Ferry, of Michigan, 20 years ago, during the wild excitement attending the Tilden-Hayes contest, in anticipation of a possible raid.

As the house and senate sat in joint session and listened quietly to the count, those stirring days were recalled. Of the 15 men who sat on the famous electoral commission which decided that contest by peaceful means, Senator Hoar of Massachusetts was the only one present. The others, excepting Justice Field, have all retired from public life, or have passed away. The vicissitudes of political fortune in two short decades have removed all but 17 of those who then sat in either end of the capitol. Most of the 17 survivors were conspicuous in the joint session. Two of them, Sherman, who is soon to be called to the first place in the McKinley cabinet, and Morrill of Vermont, author of the war tariff, entered public life together, 40 years ago. The others were: Senators Teller of Colorado, Gordon of Georgia, Allison of Iowa, Cockrell of Missouri, Hale and Frye of Maine, Burrows of Michigan, Mills of Texas, Blackburn of Kentucky and Elkins of West Virginia, who were then in the house.

Vice-President Stevenson was also a member of the house at that time. Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, (who lost one term), and Mr. Catherbert of Texas, alone survive in the house the mutations of 20 years, although Mr. Danford of Ohio, who was a member of that congress, is also a member of the present body. Jones of Arkansas and Butler of North Carolina, who managed the democratic and populist campaigns, were present, but did not appear to take a deep interest in the count. Prominent also in the sea of faces was the white-haired Senator Palmer of Illinois, who headed the gold democratic ticket last fall.

The count itself was very formal. President Stevenson sat at the side of Speaker Reed and presided over the joint session. Senators Lodge and Blackburn, on the part of the senate, and Grovernor and Richardson, on behalf of the house, acted as tellers. The returns were opened by the vice-president and announced by the tellers. The reading of the certificates, long in verbiage, was omitted, after that of Alabama had been read. No demonstration occurred at any point during the count, but when the vice-president at its conclusion announced the result there was a round of applause, both on the floor and in the galleries. The totals were as follows:

For president—McKinley, 271; Bryan, 178.

For vice-president—Hobart, 271; Sewall, 149; Watson, 27.

There was no demonstration during the several announcements. The dignified and solemn presence of the senate seemed to put a damper on the usually effervescent spirits of the house. The galleries, impressed by the profound character of the proceedings were restrained by the quiet which reigned on the floor. Tally-cards had been distributed at the house, and many members and several senators checked off the states as their votes were announced.

At the conclusion of the state announcements, the totals were footed up and signed by the four tellers. Senator Lodge, on behalf of the tellers, then announced the result, saying:

"The state of the vote for president and vice-president of the United States as found by the tellers is: Whole number of electors, 447, of which a majority is 224. William McKinley, of Ohio, has received 271 votes for president, and W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, has received 178 votes.

"The state of the vote for vice-president is: Garret A. Hobart has received 271 electoral votes, Arthur Sewall 149 votes and Thomas E. Watson 27 votes." Lodge handed the result to the vice-president. Stevenson rose and repeated the vote, adding the constitutional announcement that William McKinley and Garret A. Hobart were elected presi-

dent and vice-president respectively, for the term beginning March 4. This closed the proceedings, which lasted 50 minutes, and had been devoid of incident. The senators marched back to their chamber and the house adjourned.

THE TWO JONATHANS.

The High Mogul of the Oregon Populists a Worthy Son of His Father.

In the course of an article relating to Jonathan Bourne, a New Bedford correspondent of the Boston Record says: "But he's a New Englander born and bred, and the Yankee quality will never be taken out of him. New Bedford claims him."

"He is the son of Jonathan Bourne, of New Bedford, who in his time was one of the most famous and shrewdest politicians of Southeastern Massachusetts. Jonathan, Sr., represented the New Bedford district in the governor's council for five years—1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, and 1888.

"He was immensely wealthy, and was a man famous for attainments along other lines than politics and business. His fondness for the society of ladies never deserted him, though he was past 70 years of age when he died. The son possessed an inheritance of something besides money. As 'Johnnie' Bourne, he was known far and wide, and acquired a reputation as a 'high-roller,' which is not often excelled even in these days of Seeley dinners.

"The old gentleman laid the foundation of his wealth in the whaling business, and, though as a young man he was so poor that a jack-knife was a luxury which he had no money to buy, after he had made his fortune he enjoyed it to the utmost.

"Stubborn and obstinate, he would go any length to accomplish whatever he had started to achieve, cost what it might. Therefore, it is not astonishing to find the son—now a man of 43 or 44—'holding up' an entire legislature and playing the star role of the populist party of the Northwest, though 15 or 20 years ago in New Bedford and Boston scarcely the wildest imagination would ever have pictured him at the head of such a party anywhere.

"His free-silver notions perhaps are not so surprising, for not only silver, but gold used to flow out of his pockets with astonishing freedom, according to all the stories told about him.

"No one knows how much money he received from his father's estate but it is commonly supposed that it was at least \$1,000,000, a good portion of which, however was left in trust. The old gentleman was reputed to be worth between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000."

Denied by Pennoyer.

Concerning the reported deal between Mitchell and ex-Governor Pennoyer, the latter is reported by a Portland paper as saying:

"Your correspondent is laboring under a mistake," said the governor yesterday. "I have never sent one word to any member of the legislature at Salem, and an attempt to attend to my own business. I will say this: Last Sunday Senator Dufur, of Wasco county, called to see me, and I told him, if I were a member of the legislature, I would make no deal with either faction of the republican party. I would take my seat in the house, ready to be counted at all times, and so throw the responsibility of non-organization on the republicans. I have never written a letter or had any communication with any member of the legislature, and if they will attend to their business I will attend to mine."

"Personally, I think the populists are making a great mistake in preventing organization of the house. Such action on their part is revolutionary, in fact. So far as choice for senator is concerned, I will say that, if we have got to have a republican, I would prefer one with good financial sense rather than one possessed of nothing but financial non-sense."

Diseased Animals.

The Massachusetts state board of cattle commissioners had last year at its disposal \$300,000, of which more than two-thirds was expended in payment for cattle condemned for tuberculosis, the full value of healthy animals being paid. In his inaugural message Governor Wolcott recommends a change in this system, experience showing that farmers will do little or nothing to prevent the spread of the disease so long as assured of a cash sale for all animals found diseased on their hands. The governor recommends a compensation graded according to the condition of the animals as shown by the autopsy. The Connecticut commission, which has been actively combating the disease, found about one-half the herds examined entirely sound. Of all animals examined 14.2 per cent were condemned.

As the Manzanita went in to the Parker House dock yesterday afternoon, two white-breasted seagulls perched, one on each masthead, and there remained until after the vessel was tied up to the dock. The sight was a very pretty one, and repeated in the early morning when three birds perched upon the three mastheads of the Jennie Estrella. Waterfront men say that the seagulls seek high perches it is a sign of good weather.—Astorian.

The Bravest of Battles.

The bravest battle that ever was fought, Shall I tell you where and when? On the maps of the world you'll find it not;

'Twas fought by the mothers of men. Nay not with cannon or battle shot, With sword or noble pen; Nay, not with eloquent word or thought From north of wonderful men.

But deep in a walled-up woman's heart— Of woman that would not yield, But bravely, silently, bore her part— Lo! there is the battle-field!

No man-shedding tramp, no bivouac song, No banner to gleam and wave! But oh, these battles! they last so long— From babyhood to the grave!

The Stars of the "Dipper."

"The seven stars in the Great Dipper," says Mary Proctor, in Popular Astronomy "are in reality seven splendid stars, and glowing with intense intensity. Iron, sodium, magnesium and other well-known elements exist in the atmosphere of these stars, and their massive globes, raging with fire, rush through the depth of space with inconceivable speed. Five of these stars are receding from us at the rate of seventeen miles per second and the other two are traveling in an opposite direction. It is certain that these two do not belong to the same system as the other five. Thirty-seven thousand years hence the seven stars of the Great Dipper will have dissolved partnership, and its appearance will have changed. The handle of the dipper will be bent out of place, for the reason that five stars will have drifted in one direction and two in another. During countless ages the stars which seem so steadfast have been rushing onward through space. There are stars traveling through space. There are stars traveling in family parties, as Miss Clerke quaintly expresses it, colonies of stars of a friendly tendency drifting together, others less friendly drifting apart. Despite the fact that each star thus urging its way through space is an enormous mass of glowing vapor, yet the most perfect order and harmony prevail in the star depths."

Padding the Mails.

The New York World charges that the railroads got \$10,000,000 more than they were entitled to for carrying the mails during 1896. They padded the mails when weighing time came, thus defrauding the government. Under the law the mail matter passing over a given line is weighed every day for a month, once in four years. The result is taken as indicating the average amount of mail matter carried by the road, and the company is paid for that amount for the next four years. The World charges that when weighing time comes, senators, congressmen and public officials are induced to send some enormous quantities of mail matter under their frank, in order to increase the showing of the road. One senator had sixteen tons of free matter sent several times back and forth over a single line, to swell its averages on which the government must pay excessive rates for four years to come.

A Roast From Henry.

It is as well that Senator Morgan and his associates are so wild with rage at the administration that they unsparringly denounce such a good measure as the arbitration treaty. When it comes to the pass that they even refuse to consider petitions and recommendations from the people whose servants they are, they pave the way to the total loss of their influence. They have been at odds with the nation for years, and they might as well proclaim open hostility. Then we shall see how soon the Vests, the Cockrells and the Chandlers will be following the Poghes and the Peffers into private life.—Courier Journal.

The appointment of Lyman J. Gage is bringing praise to Mr. McKinley from all parties. No more popular selection has been made by any president for any post in many years, says the St. Louis Globe. Yet this is just such a could reasonably have been expected. Mr. McKinley has a wider acquaintance among prominent men in all fields than any president has had previous to taking office since the war days except Garfield, and he is a good judge of men's capabilities. All his appointments thus far have given satisfaction to the country.

A Washington dispatch of recent date says: Senator Andrade, accompanied by Secretary Olney, called on President Cleveland today, bearing a testimonial from the governor and people of the state of Zulia, Venezuela, in recognition of the good offices of the president and Secretary Olney in the matter of the boundary dispute. The testimonial consisted of a rosette composed of 172 samples of rare woods from the forests of Zulia, and a cane made of 125 pieces of the roots.

King Humbert of Italy holds the records of having shot the largest ibex ever seen. The horns measure 35 inches in length, the circumference at the base is nine inches, and the distance between the horns 27 inches. He has also shot the second-best specimen, whose horns measure 34 inches.

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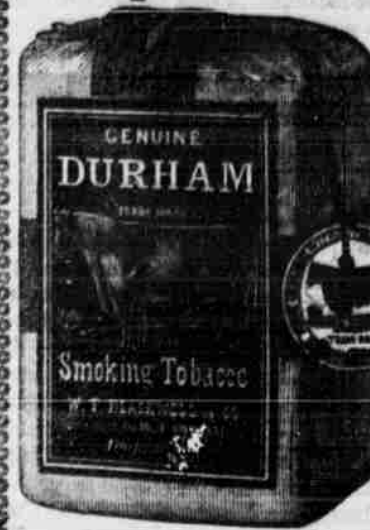
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