

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

The Republican majority in the House of Representatives, which is now in the neighborhood of 20, will exceed 40 in the coming Congress, and may be as much as 47. Those anti-Imperialists who foresaw the defeat of Bryan, but hoped that the House would contain a majority in agreement with them, have been disappointed. The largest Republican gains were in New York and Pennsylvania, six seats in the first of these States and seven in the second. The elections of legislatures in the States forebode an increase of the Republican majority in the Senate. The Republican victory in South Dakota causes the retirement of Mr Pettigrew, a bitter critic of the administration. In Pennsylvania, Mr Quay asserts that he has a majority of the members of the legislature, but it is not clear that he will be elected. Fusion control of the Colorado legislature will prevent the re-election of Senator Wolcott. In Montana, Mr Clark, the Democratic millionaire mine-owner, will have the votes of a majority of the legislators. Mr Elkins will probably be re-elected in West Virginia. In Nebraska, Mr Bryan declares that he would not accept a Senatorship if one should be offered to him; but at last accounts the Republicans expected to control the legislature, in which there is an almost even division. He says to the public that he intends to remain in Lincoln, "defending with tongue and pen" the principles he believes to be right. In North Carolina, Mr Simmons, chairman of the Democratic Committee has defeated Mr Carr, a millionaire, at the primaries for the senatorial election. Republican leaders in Kentucky assert that the State was carried against them by fraud. Mr Hanna counts the State as the Republican list, and there may be an investigation. Late reports indicate that the Republicans have elected their candidate for the Court of Appeals thus gaining a majority of the members of that tribunal. In New York, the plurality for Mr Odell, the Republican candidate for Governor, was less than Mr McKinley's by 33,000, owing partly to the belief of many independent voters that he was an agent and representative of Senator Platt.

ALASKA'S EDUCATIONAL NEEDS.

There is nothing more marvelous in the movement of population and in the settlement and growth of communities than that which is found in the recent history of Alaska. Settlements have been established and cities have sprung into existence within two or three years in the most unexpected sections of the Territory. These are now making extraordinary demands upon the Federal Government for suitable protection and support. These demands have come suddenly and unexpectedly. The Territory remained dormant so long that even Congress had difficulty in persuading itself that a civil code was needed for the government of its people. The Carter bill which provided it with a code was debated through two sessions of Congress. That body was not induced to make the bill law until the closing hours of the last session. Even then it was only accomplished through the pressure of the phenomenal changes which were taking place on the shores of Behring sea under the stimulus of the gold discoveries in the neighborhood of Cape Nome. Nothing, however, illustrates more clearly the crudity of the new Civil Code of Alaska than the fact that it was passed without suitable provision for educational interests outside of the incorporated towns. The older towns in the Territory which have not been incorporated and the new ones springing up along the seaboard and the banks of the Yukon were left by it without any provision for school facilities. It has, therefore, devolved upon the resident Commissioner to provide for the wants of the people in this respect. According to the Commissioner's report, the bureau has been forced to maintain during the last fiscal year twenty-five public schools and to support twenty-nine teachers for the instruction of 1723 enrolled pupils whose education would have been otherwise neglected. Congress will, therefore, be called upon to amend the Civil Code of Alaska as soon

as it meets again to provide means out of the territorial revenues for adequate school facilities for those residing outside of the three incorporated cities. There has been a large influx of miner's families during the past year who may be said to be permanently settled, and there will be a still larger one in the future as the wonderful resources of the Territory are developed. The children in these families must not be left to grow up in ignorance. Alaska cannot be treated any longer as an undeveloped and sparsely settled part of the public domain with an uncertain future before it.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.)

Washington, Nov. 15th, 1900. Nearly every Senator and Representative who has been to Washington since the election, regardless of political affiliation, has expressed pleasure that the result of the election was so overwhelming that the talk of fraud and corruption which has disgusted so many after some of our national elections has been conspicuously absent this time. It is also almost generally agreed that it was the great prosperity of the country that brought about the result rather than blind devotion to any political party. That belief is based upon the general idea that the average man who is doing well is averse to taking the chances involved in making a change, even when he feels that the change might be beneficial. The rejoicing of the dominant party has also been remarkably free from partisan rancor, which has had a good effect upon the spirits of the defeated and added to the all around pleasantness.

Postmaster General Smith, who accompanied a delegation of Philadelphians to the White House, succeeded in a conditional acceptance from the President of an invitation to attend the Founder's Day banquet of the Union League Club, of Philadelphia, to be given on the twenty-fourth inst. Senator Mason, who by the way, is again a regular and welcome visitor at the White House, has announced his intention to champion at the coming session of Congress what he regards as the most important internal improvement contemplated in the middle west—legislation providing for a survey to enlarge to a regular ship canal and extend the present Chicago drainage canal to connect the great lakes and the Gulf of Mexico. He says the undertaking is of the greatest commercial importance to practically the entire portion of the U.S. between the Allegheny and the Rocky Mountains. He will endeavor to the President to help the project along by giving it a good word in his annual message to Congress, and is confident of success. If hard work and perseverance will win Senator Mason will, as he is full of both.

Judging from what is being printed on the subject, it might be supposed that all the campaign liars had been assigned to the job of writing up the proposed magnificence and grandeur of the second inauguration of President McKinley. In order to make their stories picturesque and startling, not a few of these writers have entirely dispensed with that very useful article known as common sense. The mere ceremony of swearing in the chosen ruler of more than 76,000,000 people will of itself be imposing and magnificent, and there can be no doubt that it will occur amidst proper surroundings. But all the talk about surrounding it with all the gorgeoussness and costliness of the greatest royal pageant Europe has ever seen—The London Jubilee Procession—is poppycock, and can only find believers among those who do not know where the money comes from to pay the expenses of inaugurating a President. Not one cent of it comes out of public money. The residents of Washington all ways subscribe in advance, the amount the committee estimates will be needed so that the committee will not be hampered in its work by lack of ready money. The receipts from the sale of tickets to the inaugural ball, privileges to the street stands, etc., usually aggregate an amount large enough to pay all expenses and the money advanced to the committee is returned to the subscribers, but it is not always so, and the committee does not bind itself to return it. It must be evident that the amount raised in this way will not be large enough to provide much royal gorgeoussness.

Representative Eayns, of New York, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, which will meet on the 20th inst, to consider the question of a reduction of internal revenue taxes does not pretend to say what the committee will do, but it is very evident from his guarded talk that he isn't expecting a bill that will make sweeping reductions. There is good ground for

the belief that the bill which will be reported to the House will not make reductions of more than \$20,000,000 a year, and even that much would be doubtful if the President had not so strongly committed himself in favor of reducing these taxes. The prevailing idea in official and Congressional circles seems to be that uncertainty as to the immediate future in China and in the Philippines, make it advisable for this government to have a stiff surplus of cash on hand to meet any possible emergency. It is officially denied that Secretary Root's visit to Cuba has anything to do with the Cuban Constitutional Convention, now sitting in Havana, although it is official and will be utilized in visiting sections of the island not reached by him when he was over there some months ago. Many believe that Secretary Root has gone to Cuba as the personal representative of the President, and that his report of existing conditions will be an important factor in the future attitude of this government toward the island. Inasmuch as the work of the Cuban Constitutional Convention will, if completed in time, be at once submitted to Congress, it is not thought that the President's annual message to Congress will contain any important Cuban recommendations.

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THE CANAL BILL.

Plans are being made by the administration, according to a Washington dispatch, to press with vigor for the ratification by the senate of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, in its original form, as the first steps toward constructing an isthmian canal.

This act is likely to precipitate one of the memorial contests of the coming session of congress. Opposition to the treaty is based on the fact that it provides that no fortifications shall be erected on the canal. The Hepburn bill, which has passed the house, provides for the construction and protection by the secretary of war of a Nicaragua Canal. In addition, Senator Davis has brought before the senate from the committee on foreign relations an amendment that nothing in the treaty shall restrict measures which the United States may find necessary for the defense of the United States.

The Davis amendment was copied from the tenth clause of the Constantinople treaty securing the neutrality of the Suez Canal. Gen. John A. Kasson, of Iowa, special commissioner, and formerly minister of the United States to Germany and Austria supports the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. "It is manifestly absurd to make a private national 'snap' of the exclusive control and use of a great inter-oceanic waterway," said he in an interview. "To establish such conditions by law would be a challenge to all nations to combine against us and to compel us to do what we ought to do in spirit of modern civilization, and in reciprocity for the privileges which we enjoy in the Eastern world."

There is no pleasure in life if you dread going to the table to eat and can't rest at night on account of indigestion. Henry Williams, of Bonville, Ind., says he suffered that way for years, till he commenced the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, and adds, "now I can eat anything I like and all I want and sleep soundly every night." Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will digest what you eat.

An editor works 365 1/2 days per year to get out 52 issues of a paper—that's labor. Once in a while somebody pays him a year's subscription—that's capital. And once in a while some dead beat takes the paper for a year or two and vanishes without paying for it—that's anarchy. But later on justice overtakes the last named creature, for there is a place where he will get his deserts—that's hell.—Ex.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The Czar of Russia is reported to be seriously ill. An insane woman threw a hatchet at Emperor William of Germany Thursday. Senator Cushman K. Davis of Minnesota is extremely ill at his home in St. Paul. The cabinet officials of President McKinley will be retained during the next administration. Prof. Edward Ross, a prominent educator in Stanford University, has resigned. W. J. Bryan, it is now said, will engage in newspaper work at Washington, D. C., under W. E. Hearst. An agent of this government has learned the secret of the new field gun of France and has imparted the exact details to officers of the army. The society for the suppression of vice, of which Anthony Comstock is the head, will soon begin the most extensive raid on pool rooms and gambling dens ever undertaken in New York City. Three men will be hanged on Saturday for murder in Arizona. Thomas and William Holtman will be executed at Tombstone for the killing of Ted Moore, and Santiago Ortiz will pay the death penalty for the murder of W. S. Moffat. Late advice by steamer from Honolulu, tell about the recent election in the territory of Hawaii. The democrats, republicans and independent royalist parties had tickets in the field and the contest was exciting. The royalists carried the day, and their leader, Wilcox, a native of the island, was elected Delegate to congress. The bids for constructing Salem's new postoffice building except heating and light apparatus, were opened in Washington yesterday. The lowest bid was by the Campbell Building Co. of Chicago for \$69,500 and the highest was by a Salem firm, Erickson & Van Patton, \$115,000. L. N. Roney, of Eugene, bid \$104,000. Erb & Van Patton, of Salem, \$87,200. In all there were ten bids. It is thought the work will be let to the lowest bidder.

CHURCH BENEFIT.

On Saturday evening, December 1st an entertainment for the Methodist church to be erected here will be given at Odd Fellow's Hall, Florence, by those interested in the erection of a suitable edifice at this place. The entertainment will consist of solos, duets, comedies, laughing quartets, descriptive pieces with music and voice, band and stringed instrument pieces, and selections from the Trinity Church Chimes, and many orchestral and other selections by the very latest thing out—the Columbia talking machine. The members of the Methodist church residing on the Shawl have long wished for a suitable house of worship and have been working hard during the past year for the accomplishment of that purpose. The church will be built near Barnet's place, and they have a good deal of the material now on the ground. In a work of this kind, however, a great many things are needed, and the ladies who have this entertainment in hand will appreciate very much the large attendance they expect on Dec. 1. Admission will be 25 cents for adults, and 10 cents for children with 5 cents extra for reserved seats.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, November 16, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Frank H. Rogers, U. S. Commissioner, at Gardiner, Oregon, on December 31, 1900, viz: Ivy C. Morris, on H. E. No. 5670, for the SW 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec 21, N 1/2 NE 1/4, Sec 28, NW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec 27, Tp 21 S, R 11 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: H. C. Dawson, M. V. Leach, Ernest L. Haskell and Robert M. Chapman, all of Gardiner, Oregon. J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

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IN COUNTY COURT.

Fred C Peil resigned as supervisor of road District No 31. E Williamson appointed as his successor. In the matter of the proposed Barbour county road on petition of A C Barbour and 50 others, C M Collier, as surveyor, J A Atkinson, R G Fowler and Geo M Kirk as viewers were appointed to view said road and report.

OREGON HOGS.

A Vitus & Sons Tuesday sold to Wm. Leader, of Portland, 41 head of Poland China hogs that weighed in the aggregate 20,400 pounds, or nearly 500 pounds each, at 4 1/2 cents per pound on foot. This makes these hogs bring the next best of \$918. The Vitus' are among our best farmers. The sows were fattened at their farm on the McKenzie and it took nearly two days to drive them to town. Where is the lot of hogs this year that will bring more money?—Guard.

BURNED AT THE STAKE.

Chained to a railroad rail, set firmly into the ground, on the exact spot where his fiendish crime was committed, Preston Porter, Jr., or, as he was more familiarly known, John Porter, paid a terrible penalty for the murder of Louise Frost at Limon, Col., November 16, Kerosene was applied to wood piled about the negro, and after a brief pause Richard W. Frost, the father of little Louise Frost, whose cruelly mutilated body was found one week before on that very spot, took his matches and extracted a match, lit it and applied the flames to the oil.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

Thursday, November 29, has been proclaimed the nation's Thanksgiving Day. Services suitable to the day will be held in the Florence Presbyterian church at 11 A. M. A cordial invitation is given to all to attend these services.

USED BY BRITISH SOLDIERS IN AFRICA.

Capt. C G Denison is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Gaiishu. Under date Nov. 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used myself when troubled with bowel complaint, and had given to my men, and in every case it proved most beneficial. For sale by O. W. Hurd."

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for Lane County will meet on Monday, Dec. 10th, 1900, for the purpose of equalizing the annual valuation of property and remain in session six days. All parties having grievances in regard to assessment will govern themselves accordingly.

D. P. Barton, County Assessor.

ALASKA GOLD FIELD.

First steam ship for Cape Nome and Cape York will sail from Seattle, May 10. This will be a large ship with a freight capacity of 1000 tons and passenger accommodations for 200. For rates and further information call or on address. R McEMERY, Agent Northern Pacific, Eugene.

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