THE INDEPENDENT.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1883.

The Forty-Seventh Congress.

The term of this Congress expired by limitation on last Sunday at 12 M., and fully justified the verdict given by the people at the last fall elections which relegated the majority of its members to private life. While its sins of omission are many it is not upon that ground they are condemned. It is true they failed to pass the river and harbor bill, that incoporating the Nicaraugua canal company, to pension the Mexican veterans, permitting the use of domestic material in the construction of ships, to suppress the opium traffic with China, and many other meritorious measures, but they also failed to pass, for want of time, several very objectionable bills, such as, to limit the coinage of silver and suspend the issue of silver cirtificates, to authorize the consolidation of the Southern Pacific with other roads, to place General Grant on the retired list, and many others equally bad.

The American people with their usual magnanimity may forgive congress for not passing the good bills in consideration of their permitting so many bad ones to fail, but no amount of charity can excuse the wrong it has wilfully committed. Upon the meeting of Congress last December, with the popular voice ringing in their ears, the Republican majority announced that they were devoted to the cause of reform, and in the matter of the tariff would especially reduce the burdens now imposed. That this was a false pretense the result has proved. It was too late in the day to squander the surplus millions in the treasury upon the usual jobs, and it became a necessity to reduce this surplus by lessening the burden of taxation upon the people. In order to accomplish this the high tariff Republicans proposed to abolish the revenue tax on whisky and tobacco and leave the tariff as it stood. As this could not be effected, Kelly of Pennsylvania, prepared and elaborated a bill in the House of Representatives which was improperly styled a bill to reduce the tariff. In this bill, made in the interest of the monopolies, the tariff was reduced on all articles of luxury and increased on most articles in general use by the people. This bill was by the united efforts of the Democrats and a few Republicans buried during the last days of the session.

The senate had passed a bill substantially as reported by the tariff commission, which had been sent to the House upon the defeat of Kelly's bill the House under the gag law took this bill from the table, amended it by adding a clause reducing the internal revenue tax and sent the same to the Senate, and a conference committee was appointed. This committee on the 3rd of March made a report, which was in reality a new bill, to both houses, by which it was adopted by a strict party vote. To show the infamy of this bill we quote the remarks of Carlyle of Kentucky, in the House:

He believed public safety and public interest demanded a reduction of the tax, and he regretted exceedingly that the conference committee had not brought before the house such a measure as he could support. He had announced more than once his readiness to vote for an average reduction of 20 per cent., on tariff duties, justly and equitably distributed. The proposition now submitted did not, he believed, make a reduction of more than one half that. The average of 25 to 40 millions in the whole reduction would come from internal taxes, leaving only from twenty to twenty-one millions to come to the tariff duties, of which eleven millions would come from the single article sugar. There were several articles on which the conference committee had recommended duties higher than either the house or senate voted. Common earthenware is one of these articles. It now paid 40 per cent. ad va- and the conference committee recommended 60 per cent; an increase of 50 per cent., or allowing for the change in regard to package, a clear net increase of 33 per cent. Another important change was in the articles iron ore. The house after full and deliberate debate, fixed the duty on iron ore at 50 cents per ton. The senate fixed it at the same rate. The present rate is 20 per cent ad valorem, equivalent to about 57 cents per ton. These matters ought to be explained to the house and country. The rates of duty on wool, raw material, were to be reduced about 18 per cent, but the duties on all woolen goods were increased from six cents to eight cents per yard and from 35 and 40 per cent ad valorem to nine cents a square yard and 40 per cent ad valorem. He had no feeling of hostility towards the gentlemen engaged in manufactures. He would encourage them by every legitimate means, but he would not agree to do so at the expense of the people at large.

REDUCTION of the tobacco tax, provided in the internal revenue clause of the tariff bill, goes into effect May 1. The abolition of taxes on the capital and deposits of banks, takes effect immediately. On bank checks, drafts, matches, perfumery, and the revised duties on imports, on and after July 1 next.

Death of Gov. A. H. Stephens.

The people of the whole country have been so accustomed to hear that Alexander H Stephens was seriously ill that the announcement of his death is a general suprise. He had been rescued by such miracles of vitality and nerve, that they counted on his strength to pull him through this crisis. He has been an invalid for fifty years, and his life despaired of a dozen times. He was a man of great ability and has long held a prominent place among American statesmen.

Alexander H. Stephens was born at Crawfordsville, Georgia, in 1812, and was first elected to Congress in 1843. He continued in the house of representatives until 1859 when he voluntarily retired. In 1861 he was elected vice president of the Southern Confederacy, althouge he had been opposed to the policy of secession. After the defeat of the confederacy he was confined as a prisoner of state in Fort Warren, whence he was released in October 1865. When Georgia was restored to the Union he was again elected to Congress where he remained until 1882 when he was elected Governor of his native State by a large majority. His best eulogy is the resolution unanimously adopted by the late house of representatives on the last day of the session:

Resolved, That the house has just learned, with the deepest sorrow, of the death of Hon. Alex. H. Stephens, governor of Georgia, and so long a distinguished member of this house; that the house expresses its heartfelt sympathy with the people, not only of Georgia but with the people of the whole country, in the loss of a statesman and patriot.

By inspection of the vote on the Tariff Bill in the Senate it will be seen that excepting Mitchell, of Pennsylvania, and Miller, of New York, the Eastern Senators who are so keen for "Protection of Home Industries", all voted in favor of reducing the duty on wool. These men are only in favor of protecting their own little bailiwicks to the detriment of other greater and more important interests. Ohio's Democratic Senator, Mr Pendleton, voted against reduction of the wool duty, and, when that vote was lost, placed himself on record against the bill as a whole, which was right. His action should have been followed by Mr. Sherman, who after being defeated in his efforts to hold the wool tariff as it has been, turned squarely around and swallowed the bill, wool reduction and all.

By the river and harbor bill as passed by the House, Oregon got the following appropriations: Coos Bay, $20,000; Yaquina, $30,000; Locks at the Cascades, $125,000; Lower Willamette and Columbia, $40,000; Coquille, $7,000; mouth of the Columbia river, $75,000. The last will make a beginning at the mouth of the river, and while it should have been a much larger sum we wolud have been thankful for this much.

THE APPROPRIATIONS.—Hiscock, the chairman of the committee on appropriations, has furnished for publication statements relative to the appropriation bills passed this session, and which have become laws. The aggregate amount of these bills is $229,329,511, made up as follows: Pensions, $8,575,000; military academy, $318,657; fortification, $670,000; consular and diplomatic, $1,296,755; navy, $15,894,434; army, $24,681,350; postoffices, $44,489,520; Indians, $5,362,655; legislative, $20,464,296; sundry civil, $23,906,147; District of Columbia, $1,699,867; deficiency, $2,813,187; agricultural, $405,640; miscellaneous bills involving the appropriation of money, $750,000; aggregate appropriations for last year, including $18,738,700 for the river and harbor bill, was $295,509,639, and for the preceding year, including $11,441,300 for the river and harbor bill, was $219,367,983.

CONGRESS has adjourned. It expired by limitation. Its action has in the main been to the detriment of the people. The long and tedious session has been devoted to tinkering the tariff and has resulted in a reduction of the internal revenue and an advance on the principle articles of imports. They have increased the duty on iron, steel and woolen goods and reduced the duty on wool and placed hoop-poles for the whisky barrels on the free list. Such are the beauties of Republican legislation.

THE legislature of Michigan on the 1st. March succeeded in electing a Senator of the United States on the eighty first ballot. On that day, five ballots were had, On the fourth a break was made in favor of Palmer, Stockbridge's forces dissolving into Palmer's. On the fifth Thomas W. Palmer, of Detroit, received 75 votes and was declared elected. The newly elected Senator must have been a very dark horse as he appears not to have been known outside of the city of Detroit.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF THE SENATE.—On March 3d, Davis, president pro tem of the senate, in resigning that office pursuant to notice given some days since, delivered an address. He thanked the senate for the honor conferred upon him which he was about to retire from, and referred to his position as a man without a party. His aim had been for the good of the country, and he thanked God that we are now a united nation. Anthony offered a resolution declaring George F. Edmunds, a senator from the state of Vermont, elected president pro tem of the senate. Pendleton moved to amend so as to make the resolution apply to Thomas F. Bayard, a senator from Delaware. Amendment lost, and Edmunds was then elected. The secretary, having announced the result, requested Anthony and Bayard to conduct him to the chair. When they did so Edmunds, standing by the clerk's desk, said: "Senators, I beg to thank the senate sincerely for the honor it has conferred upon me, and to say that I shall endeavor to discharge the duties imposed with fidelity. I think that, under the law, I ought to take the oath of office, which I ask the senator from Rhode Island, the oldest senator present, to administer." Anthony administered the oath, and Edmunds then took the chair.

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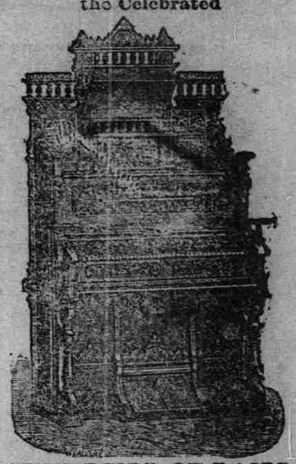
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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court in and for Douglas County, State of Oregon.

Eliza A. McCarty, plff. vs. William McCarty. } Suit in equity for divorce.

To WILLIAM MCCARTY, DEFENDANT:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you by the plaintiff, Eliza A. McCarty, in the above entitled court and suit, on or before the first day of the next regular term of said court, to-wit: The second Monday, the 14th day of May, A. D. 1883, and if you fail to so answer the said complaint, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for want of an answer, and will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint to-wit: for a decree dissolving the marriage contract existing between the plaintiff and defendant; for such alimony as the court may deem just. For the care and custody of the minor children, Francis McCarty, Alice G. McCarty, and Eliza McCarty, and for one-third interest in and to the following described real property, to-wit: The northeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 3, in township 25, south range 7 west, and the north half of southwest quarter and southwest quarter of northwest quarter of section 9, township 28, south range seven west containing 160 acres, and for such other relief as the court may deem proper, and for the costs and disbursements of this suit. This summons is published by order of the Hon R. S. Bean, judge of the said circuit court for Douglas county, State of Oregon, made and entered the 10th day of January, 1883.

J. W. HAMILTON,
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CITATION.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Douglas. In the matter of the estate of Woodson Patterson deceased. Citation for sale of real estate.

TO JOHN PATTERSON, ANGELINE CROUCH, L. Martha Jane Lee, and Lovey Porter, heirs at law and next of kin of Woodson Patterson deceased. In the name of the State of Oregon, greeting: J. A. Kirkendall, administrator of said estate having heretofore filed in the said County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, his petition asking for an order to sell the real estate belonging to the estate of said deceased, to-wit: The South half of North half of donation claim No. 40, of Abraham Patterson and wife, situated in Douglas county, Oregon, containing 160.45 acres (excepting therefrom one acre of the northwest corner of said land). The court having set Tuesday, the second day of January, at the court house of said county, a time and place for hearing objections to said petition, and ordered that citation be served upon the heirs and next of kin of said deceased, and it appearing by the return upon said citation that Lovey Porter, an heir at law of the said deceased could not be found in said State and county, the court therefore duly made and entered its order continuing the time for hearing objections to said petition until February 28th, 1883, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day, at the court house in Roseburg, Oregon, at which time you and each of you and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear in said court and show cause, if any there be why an order of sale should no be made as prayed for in the petition. This citation is published by order of Jos S. Fitzhugh county judge.

Attest: G. W. KIMBALL, County Clerk.
HERMANN & BALL, attorney for administrator.
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