

CONGRESS AND ITS ADJOURNMENT

It is expected that the first session of the fifty-second congress will close in about a week, says the Chicago Inter-Ocean. It began with last winter. Two years ago the long session of congress was protracted until almost election time. That was a serious mistake, politically speaking, for it deprived the country of the campaign services of the very men of all other most competent to discuss the issues of the day. The result was that instead of a campaign of education the people had a campaign of misrepresentation, false alarms, and gross perversions. Never in the whole history of American politics was the policy of falsehood carried to such triumphant conclusion. The opportunities were exceptionally favorable and were improved with the eagerness of a starvation appetite.

There is this great difference between 1890 and 1892, from a political point of view: All was then conjecture as to the practical effect of the McKinley bill, while now all is definite demonstration. It is hard to refute a speculation, easy to knock out a flat lie. Two years ago that bill was confronted by a theory, now it stands face to face with a condition. Theories are easily spun on both sides of a question, conditions are fixed and sure. But facts, however plain, are not self-deceitful. It is necessary that the fires of intelligence should be kindled on every Republican heartstone and hilltop that the people may know just how the Republican policy is working, and, withal, wherein the policies of the two parties differ and wherein they agree. The adjournment of this congress must precede such a comparison, for it is impossible to foresee what will be done during the last few days of a legislative or congressional session.

There is at least one thing certain. All that will be so much as attempted in the way of tariff legislation was fully disposed of long ago. There is no risk in assuming that no further move will be made on that chess-board at either end of the capitol. The senate had no wish to do anything. The Republicans were perfectly content to leave the whole subject precisely where the McKinley bill and the other tariff acts of the fifty-first congress left it. Even if both branches of congress had been Republican there would have been no tariff tinkering. In one sense, then, it did not make any difference whether the two branches were agreed or not. "Stand pat" would have been the order of the day any way. Nor does the action of the house serve as any criterion to determine what would have been done had the senate been Democratic also. The recognized fact that no bill on that subject satisfactory to the Democrats of the house would meet with favor in the Republican senate acted as a deterrent. It was thought at the outset that Mr. Springer might introduce and urge to a passage a general bill, one reflecting his views and the present views of the Democracy, and thus be a companion piece for the Mills and Morrison bills. But either on account of ill-health or for some other cause he did nothing of the kind. The only tariff bill which he introduced was trivial, relating to one or two interests, and making no attempt at general revision. The wool tariff was to be reduced and a few other unimportant changes made. There was no point, apparently, in singling out a few interests for assault. The explanation is that it was thought necessary to do something, and it might as well be this as that. Certain it is that the Democratic party, as it goes into the campaign of 1892, is sweeping in its hostility to all protected interests, agricultural and manufacturing, woollen as well as wool, iron and steel no less than binding twine.

There remain three general appropriation bills to be disposed of, two of which are absolutely necessary to the very operation of government. Failure to make an appropriation for fortifications would be very unwise, without being absolutely calamitous, but the sundry civil and the general deficiency bill must be passed, and it is not thought possible that an adjournment could be had without their passage, or, on the other hand, that a final adjournment could be delayed after those bills had been disposed of. It now looks as if the last general question of the session to be decided will be the clauses of the sundry civil bill relating to the Columbian Exposition.

Fire at Rufus. The store of Mr. A. Phelps, at Rufus, was burned to the ground Saturday afternoon, and also the office of the Eastern Oregon Co-operative association. It was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon when the fire was discovered, and a heavy wind was blowing at the time. The building was formerly occupied as a hotel, and there were in the second story not being used. In one of these flames were first seen, and the only water available was from a well, which had little effect in stopping the conflagration. The fire burned fiercely while it lasted, and stopped only because there was no other building in the direction in which the wind was blowing. Part of the clothing of the family was saved, but the bedding and furniture were destroyed. The postoffice was in the store, but the mail sacks, etc., by strenuous efforts were carried to a place of safety. There were no men except Mr. Phelps around the premises at the time, or perhaps other property might have been saved. The books were in the safe, and these are considered all right. There was some insurance on the building and goods; but the amount of the loss cannot be ascertained at this writing. It is a heavy loss on Mr. Phelps, as he had been in business but a short time, and was building up a very good trade.

Bled to Death in a Sheep Camp. Ochoee Review. Last Monday morning Coroner Kizer was notified that a shepherd had been found dead in his camp on Wolf creek, about 30 miles east of Prineville. He immediately went to Wolf creek and found the dead man to be George Davis, who was herding sheep for E. Marie, who was herding sheep for E. Marie. The circumstances connected with the death of Davis were learned as follows: Mr. Davis went to the sheep camp Sunday evening and

GRANT COUNTY.

Items From the Columns of the Canyon City Star. Headers are at work on the Grandditch trench west of town, taking care of the crop of wheat and barley. Snow has but recently left the higher ranges of Grant county. It has lain so deep that miners could not pack in supplies. Bears are numerous on the borders of the valley by that name. Shepherds have a pleasant time protecting the tender lambs of the fold from the cruel fangs of their enemies—lion and coyote. Major Maghee, who started from the court house in this city on a long tramp to Chicago July 4th, has been heard from. He arrived in Yale, Lincoln county on the 18th about noon and left eastward next morning.

With strikes and riots all around us, what would the boys at the Humboldt mine do on the warpath? We have no state militia, and the U. S. army is busy at Camp Allen. Is the situation not appalling? Everyone readily recognizes the fact that gold worth a million dollars lies hidden beneath the mountain side of town. But as yet no one has been able to get it out, and to remove the mountain and reveal the wealth which they can see by faith.

Over on the blooming Roseland the weather has been cold lately. On a recent trip with the mail, Frank McBean saw fields of frozen grain here and there, and he says that the mountain valley does not freeze so easy, and cattle are all fat.

A custom mill is to be erected in the Cracker Creek country, Tommy McEwan having the contract to deliver several thousand feet of lumber to the site. The success of the new process of working the ore in that district is giving the mining industry a wonderful stimulus.

A good wagon road from this valley direct to the rich mining camp north of us would be the best of the kind in the state. The old San Juan road, with the expenditure of a few hundred dollars, could be made a first-class road. Then from Steamboat into the Greenhorn, only a few miles, with promising mines scattered along all the way. Our farmers, merchants and stock raisers use this road. Let some good "frustrator" then, take the matter in hand.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Bay City Almost Wiped Out. Ray City, Mich., July 23.—The greatest conflagration which ever visited Bay City started at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the lumber manufacturing establishment of Miller & Turner on the west side of Water street at the foot of Twenty-ninth. A brick southwest wind fanned the flames into a roaring conflagration, and they swept across Water street into the settled district. The east side of Water street was built up with stores, hotels, etc. Nearly all were wood and they burned like tinder. The wind increased as the flames progressed, and in an hour the fire had consumed Miller & Turner's entire plant, including sawmills, saw works, dry kilns and a large quantity of lumber. The flames also traveled three blocks eastward, cutting a swath two blocks wide and all kinds of property broadened, and block after block was swept away with astonishing rapidity. Thousands of men, women and children rushed about engaged in removing furniture and other household effects. Every vehicle in the city adapted to the purpose was on the ground, and the owners charged exorbitant prices for their services. At 5 o'clock 30 blocks had been burned over, while 20 more were supplying fuel to the fire. Aid came from surrounding points and the firemen fought desperately, but with a dozen streams playing the flames swept on, licking up houses after houses until at 8 o'clock upward of 300 dwellings were destroyed, and the fire was still sweeping toward the eastern limit of the city. While a majority of the buildings burned belonged to working people, many fine residences have been consumed. Two churches, four hotels and about 40 stores of all kinds are among the other places destroyed.

At 10 P. M. there were many rumors of loss of life, but so far as positively known only one death has occurred, a woman who was sick in a dwelling house, which was a mass of flames before assistance arrived. It is also reported, but not confirmed, that two children were burned to death. Miller & Turner lost about \$150,000, mostly by insurance. The \$100,000 will aggregate toward \$2,000,000.

Evidence of a Plot. PITTSBURGH, July 25.—The police authorities are convinced to-night that the attempted assassination of Frick was an anarchistic plot that may be as great in scope as that which Spies and his companions were hanged. They have the names of a number of persons in New York, Long Beach, Hoboken and other places, who they think are implicated, and telegrams have been sent to have them arrested. A number of arrests will probably be made here to-morrow. Full information were filed against Alexander Bergman to-night by Secretary Lovejoy, of the Carnegie company, charged with the same assault on Frick and Leishman and entering the building for the purpose of committing the assault. Bergman was arrested at the same time. Frick and Leishman have 33 years, time to reflect. Rumors are in circulation that some anarchists are coming here from Chicago, and that they will attempt to assassinate Frick.

Trying to Save Colonel King. NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 25.—The attorneys for Colonel H. Clay King, the Memphis lawyer who is under sentence to be hanged August 12 for the murder of David H. Foster, took the case into the United States court yesterday on a writ of habeas corpus. It is alleged that during his trial a bailiff allowed the jury to take a steambath on the roof of the court house, and that the jury, when they returned on the next Thursday, Governor Buchanan to-day received letters from Senators Carlisle and Voorhees in favor of commuting King's sentence.

Carnegie Will Say Nothing. LONDON, July 25.—Andrew Carnegie is at Bannock Lodge, 35 miles from a telephone office. It has been announced that a statement from him in regard to Homestead affairs, or the shooting of Frick, he refuses to answer telegrams or letters. There is much feeling against him here. A large meeting of laborers adopted resolutions strongly condemning Carnegie's course in regard to the Homestead troubles. They expressed the hope that workmen would not temporarily refuse any further philanthropic gifts from him.

The Trax in the Senate. WASHINGTON, July 25.—Vest introduced a joint resolution authorizing the president to offer Great Britain, Germany and France, as inducement to an international agreement for the free carriage of grain, a reduction of 25 per cent on the tariff on textiles, hardware, etc. The anti-union bill was taken up, and George addressed the senate. George said the New Orleans and New York cotton exchanges were composed of men who did not raise cotton, consume or handle it, and characterized their dealings as gambling.

A Suspect Arrested. PITTSBURGH, July 25.—A man, whose name the police refuse to give, was arrested on the charge of being connected with the attempted assassination of Frick. For Over Fifty Years. AN OLD AND WELL-TRIED REMEDY—Mrs. Winslow's "Soothing Syrup" has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. In pleasant to the taste. Sold by all druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Its value is incalculable. Ask for it of your druggist. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, and take no other kind.

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