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WASHINGTON.
News of the Week From Our Regular Correspondent at the Capital.

Americans have queer ways, in many respects, and it is not to be wondered at that foreigners, who judge largely from outward appearances, should fail to comprehend our real character. For instance, the United States supreme court this week heard the arguments in the three cases brought against the constitutionality of the McKinley tariff law, cases in which it is possible for a decision of the court to turn the commercial and industrial world, as far as they are represented in this country, upside down and personally affect in one way or the other, perhaps one-third of our population, and the fact excited no public interest, and at no time during the several days that the arguments were being made by some of the ablest constitutional lawyers of the country, was there fifty people in the court room, if members of the bar were not counted. That is one phase of American character. Now for another. In the District of Columbia's criminal court a man is being tried for having shot his wife and another man, and so great is the public interest that the judge has found it necessary to station officers at the court room door to keep out the crowds.

It would be presumption on the part of your correspondent to say how the supreme court will decide the tariff cases, but it is apparent from the questions asked by the justices of the lawyers, while the argument was being made, that the validity of the law will be sustained.

Ex-Representative Davidson's contest of Senator Call's seat will be an interesting case. Senator Call has the certificate of election signed by the presiding officers of the two houses of the Florida legislature, and Mr. Davidson has the governor's certificate. The case will turn upon the right of a majority of the legislature, which does not include a quorum of both houses, to meet and elect a senator. The precedents appear to be in Call's favor, and a number of senators, including Vorhees and Turpie, of Indiana, have expressed themselves as believing that he will be confirmed in his seat. Mr. Davidson says he is confident the seat will be given to him when the facts are fully presented.

There is a general feeling of relief that the excitement attendant upon the hot and vicious fight for the speakership of the House of Representatives will close tomorrow, when the democratic caucus will end the suspense of the candidates and their friends. The fight has been so conducted that much bitter feeling has been engendered that will be likely to crop out to the embarrassment of the victor all during the long session of congress that will convene on Monday next. It is only natural that the man who wins will reward those who helped with the most desirable committee chairmanships, and that will, of course, leave a good many gentlemen out in the cold who believe themselves entitled to prominent committees.

The charge made by the Mills men that ex-Representative Cochran, Solicitor-General of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, who is here ostensibly as a friend of candidate Hatch, was sent here by Jay Gould to work against Mills, is indignantly denied by Mr. Hatch and Mr. Cochran, but it is still insisted upon. Many democrats who, letting their zeal for one or the other of the candidates get the better of their discretion, are making all sorts of charges against their opponents, will be sorry after the caucus that they had not kept their tongues bridled.

Secretary Proctor will on Monday be sworn in as a senator, and until his successor shall have been nominated and confirmed, Assistant Secretary Grant will act as secretary of war. It is presumed that President Harrison

will send a big batch of important nominations to the senate next week, and that among them will be a secretary of war and an attorney-general, if Attorney-General Miller is to go on the bench of the new circuit court as many believe.

Considerable surprise was caused here by the announcement that the farmers alliance candidate for congress, in the election to be held on the 9th inst. to fill the vacancy in the Eighth Virginia Congressional district made by the death of the late Representative Lee, had withdrawn, as arrangements had been made by Representative Jerry Simpson and other alliance men in congress to take an active part in the campaign. It is stated that the withdrawal was caused by the nomination of a republican candidate, the alliance managers having counted upon the support of the republicans.

There has been a number of alarming rumors in circulation this week about the condition of Secretary Foster, who has been confined to his residence for some days, but his friends say that there is no cause for alarm. He will go south for a couple of weeks for recuperation before returning to the treasury department.

EAGLE VALLEY ITEMS.
EAGLE VALLEY, December 11, 1891.
Plenty of hay in the valley for sale, cheap. Buyers would do well to come to Eagle valley.

All of our neighbors who shipped horses east this fall have returned. They report prices very low.

Miss Nada Holcomb and Miss Lee, who have been teaching school in Pine valley, will return home tomorrow.

The weather is fine and the health of our people is good. We have had one little snow, but it is all gone now.

Messrs. Nobles & Dewley are still feeding a lot of mutton sheep. Mr. Childs is also feeding a few mutton and stock sheep.

The schools of Eagle valley will be kept running till spring, with the exception of one, which will close soon. All are giving good satisfaction. Mr. Arthur Parker is teaching one of the most successful terms ever taught in the valley.

Stall feeding is in full force now, both sheep and cattle. G. W. Moody is feeding a number of fine steers. Wm. Gover is feeding a nice lot. Lambert Case is feeding 150 head and H. P. Swisher 200, all of which are ready for market at any time.

G. W. Moody's fine house and the residence of Chandler Bros. have been finished. Frank P. Lee's house is not yet completed. Cleaver is building a new store house. Orla Moody is building an addition to his saloon. Robert Gibson has his new blacksmith shop done and is ready for work.

I will prepare an article for THE SCOUT next week in regard to the La Grande schemers who want to take water out of Eagle creek for irrigating purposes. They want to take 40,000 inches when there is not that much in the creek from the first of July till spring. I think they will have a dry ditch in the summer and fall when they need it worst. Will give you a full history in my next.

WOLF CREEK NEWS.
December 10, 1891.
John M. Gilkison is at "Paradise lost."
Mr. and Mrs. Ray are visiting their son, Bert.
Jesse O'Bryant is still suffering from rheumatism.
Gilbert Gilkison has returned to Sumpter valley.

Bad O'Bryant had a severe relapse, but is now convalescent.
Rev. Watt was visiting members of his church here, last week.
H. O. Garban is busily engaged in chopping out timber for a barn, to be

Milton Hughs has returned from a business trip to Baker City.

S. C. Mann delivered a fine lot of hogs to Baker City parties, Friday.

Protracted meeting has commenced at the North Powder Baptist church.

The genuine Jim Wilson, of North Powder river, was with friends here recently.

Messrs. Henry Bauer and Jimmy Wicks have taken a contract for hauling lumber at the Ballingal mill in Baker county.

John O'Bryant, A. E. Carnes and Nick Nice, directors of District No. 20, turned out and completely banked up the school house, a work that was much needed.

On Wednesday evening the 9th, Lord Chief Justice Edwards of the North Powder Circuit, which is the first judicial circuit of the United States, was seen to slowly and solemnly wend his way to the North Powder hotel, the cause was a mystery to the citizens, and all waited with anxiety and suspense to ascertain the decree of the court. When at 7:30 o'clock the solemn decision was announced that the court had made. One, William Heunsucker and Mrs. Reniro, man and wife. His honor performed the arduous task with all the dignity of a chase or marshal and for ought we know did just as good and lasting job.

MEDICAL SPRINGS ITEMS.
MEDICAL SPRINGS, December 15, 1891.
Everybody having a hog-killing time. Justus Wright is the only man who can find time to visit his neighbors.

Mrs. Mary Baker, of San Francisco, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. B. Sams. There will be a Christmas tree and dancing party at J. B. Dolby's hall on Christmas eve.

William Barnes is putting the finishing touches on Dunham Wright's new building. He is an expert with the brush.

Doolan Miles is preparing to move to his Powder river farm. If Doolan will make as good a farmer as he is miner, he will surely succeed.

Lyman Wright starts for Missouri in the morning to attend the bedside of his father, who is quite feeble, and without a change for the better cannot last long.

W. N. Boyles, is just recovering from a very severe attack of a throat disease. There were some twelve days and nights that he could not be down without smothering.

The many friends of J. S. Vandevanter will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from the stroke of paralysis which he received while acting as juror at the last term of court at Union.

We are necessarily compelled to call on Dick Duncan for further inventions. The carts on certain sections of the mail route have been left off, and is now being carried in lieu on horseback. What are you going to do now Dick? Come to the front.

John Parker and brother, of Harney county, are here on a visit, and will probably remain during the winter. He has a small vial of gold dust which he took from his placer claim, which he located in that section. I tell you there are no flies on John.

Geo. W. Wright is just completing a large barn on his farm on Lower Powder. The way that alfalfa and red clover grows on his ranch, in a few years he will need more barn room, or intrude on government land to stack it.

built on his tract of land on Lower Powder. He has completed a sage-brush grubber, and from his actions it is evident that he has accomplished all he can without a partner.

People that desire to travel over the Union and Cornucopia road to the southeast portion of the county have unnecessarily traveled a hundred miles or more, in the last year, for the simple reason of there being no finger-board at the forks of the roads at the old Cates farm where the High valley road leaves the Cornucopia road. Mr. Supervisor get in and do what the law requires of you, and put up a finger-board, or there will be a kick coming.

County Court.
In the matter of road petitioned for by J. H. Slater et al; motion to open up case allowed; objections to report filed by J. L. Caviness; argued and taken under advisement.

In the matter of settlement with A. P. Greener; report shows four days work since last report; \$12.00 ordered paid.

In the matter of grand jury report; report taken under advisement, and recommendations will be considered further.

In the matter of receiving jail cells; received and contract price paid, to-wit, \$1,980, \$1,450 having been advanced on freight, making in all \$2,430.

In the matter of liquor license for T. A. Barton; granted when money is paid.

In the matter of reinsurance of court house; it appearing that there was a clerical error in the old policy, and that it does not run out for a year yet, ordered that the former order to reinsure be cancelled.

In the matter of putting out lights in court house; ordered that the sheriff be instructed to turn the out the light in court house when not in use.

In the matter of road from Union to depot, petitioned for by J. D. Carroll, et al; H. L. Dougherty, M. B. Rus and L. R. Holmes appointed viewert and J. L. Curtis surveyor, to view and survey the road and to make a careful estimate of the cost of grading the same, to meet on Friday the 18th day of December, 1891, at Union.

In the matter of cancellation of county warrants, Nos. 1129 and 1230, class Y cancelled, the same having been allowed on duplicated bills.

In the matter of settlement with sheriff; return on delinquent tax roll approved, clerk ordered to draw warrants in sheriff's favor for costs uncollected from parties and to extend the returns on delinquent tax lien book.

In the matter of transfer from general fund to contingent fund; \$1000 transferred.

In the matter of private roads; it appearing to the court that there has been no established rule heretofore for the payment of cost of establishing the same, it was ordered that hereafter surveyors and viewers bills be rendered to the county court, to be by them credited and paid out of the treasury, and that a bill be then rendered to the petitioners and that they be required under their bonds to reimburse the county for the same.

In the matter of petition for justice of the peace for Union; continued for the term.

In the matter of voting booths under the Australian system; clerk ordered to advertise for plans and proposals for furnishing election booths for the county under the new law, same to be submitted at the February term of court.