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KING CAUCUS.

A GLANCE at the use of the caucus in selection of federal senators emphasizes the long warfare waged against the system by Hon. Charles R. Buckalew, of Pennsylvania.

For illustration, take a legislature in which one party has sixty-five votes, being a majority on joint ballot. The candidate who proposes to reach the senate against public sentiment and in the face of demonstrated incapacity needs only seventeen of the sixty-five votes to start on. He proceeds to howl for a caucus. His friends howl. His hired howlers howl, and finally howl power brings the sixty-five votes together to vote upon a caucus. Thirty-three vote for a caucus, and from that moment the adverse thirty-two are told that they "are bound by the caucus." They are warned not to bolt, for that will exclude them from the party. Good, honest party men, forgetting that with the caucus came degeneracy by depriving public sentiment of any influence in a senatorial selection, join in the head-slaking. The thirty-two may absent themselves, probably do in a majority of cases, but that does not efface the caucus. The thirty-three become the legislature for the purpose of selecting a senator, and their majority, or seventeen votes, finally makes the choice for the whole body.

The Allans have made proposals to the Canadian government for providing a rapid service of steamers on the Atlantic to run in connection with the Canadian Pacific railway and the proposed fast line of steamers on the Pacific, it being part of the arrangements made with the imperial government when they agreed to subsidize the Pacific line that a swift Atlantic line should also be provided. It is stated by a member of the firm that the question involves an expenditure of £1,000,000.

It is estimated that the present population of the United States is 64,000,000. The total increase is said to be 100,000 a month, exclusive of immigration, and last year the increase by immigration was 518,000. At this rate the next census, which will be taken in July, 1890, will show about 67,000,000.

GEORGE WASHINGTON was inaugurated on April 30, 1789, because the bad weather had prevented congress from assembling and organizing. James Monroe and Zachary Taylor were inaugurated on March 5, 1821, and 1849, respectively, because March 4th in those years fell on Sunday.

It's falling off in the tide of immigration is attributed, by superintendent Jackson, of Castle Garden, to the fact that foreigners are becoming more prudent. He says that they do not come here now until they are prepared to make their way in the country.

An English advertisement reads: "A pious young man desires to be received into a respectable family, where the excellence of his example and superior morality might be considered as an equivalent for board and lodgings."

The four new states have an area greater than the entire number of states represented in the first congress which met a hundred years ago.

Class Got His Seat.

The few seats provided on the platform on the eastern front of the capitol, where the president elect takes his oath of office and delivers his inaugural address, are supposed to be for the supreme court, and senate and other distinguished public men. But the sovereigns are as likely to get there as the servants. When Chief Justice Chase left his seat and stepped forward to administer the oath to Grant an unknown woman stepped out of the crowd behind the chairs and took his place. When he returned to resume his seat he saw that it was occupied. Beckoning the marshal of the supreme court, he said: "Clear my seat."

"Madam," said the marshal, turning politely to the woman, "you have taken the seat of the chief justice, and he wants it again." "I don't care," she responded sharply, not budging an inch; "I'm a free-born American citizen, and I have as much right to it as the chief justice, and I won't get up."

"Your honor," he said, turning to the chief justice, "you hear what she says." "Clear my seat," said the chief justice firmly, and with a look which meant "or I'll have your official head struck off." Moved by the look, if not by the words, the marshal turned to the woman and said: "Madam, you must surrender this seat. If you don't I shall have to summon two negro messengers to remove you by force." This brought her to her feet. "Take your old seat," she said, with a stamp of her foot and a mounting color in her cheeks as she disappeared in the crowd, while the chief justice took it with a sigh of triumph, echoed by the marshal's sigh of relief.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The Evening Star says: Mullan still rides the stout deck of the Nipsic, and the Ojop is not the murderous thing we have thought her. This being the status of things, there is every hope that the diplomatic subtlety of William Walter Phelps, Mr. Kasson and Mr. Bates at Berlin may preserve our dear old navy harmless from Bismarck's guns and torpedoes.

The Evening Critic says: The blowing up of the Nipsic having been proved to be a silly canard, let an investigation be made as to who started it. Was it a stock jobber?

A REPUTATION.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The Star says: A paper has been quietly circulated around the capitol for the past few weeks and has received the signature of nearly every member of the last house and the present senate.

It contains a statement in refutation of the claims of the Tory party in England that Parnell and Gladstone in their efforts to secure home rule for Ireland are not supported by the intelligent people of America.

EXTENSION TO THE CONTRACT.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The Panama Canal company announces that a further extension of the provisional contracts has been arranged with the contractors, which secures the maintenance of the works and material. The official liquidator does not despair of forming a new company.

A BIG COAL SYNDICATE.

LONDON, March 21.—A coal syndicate with £100,000,000 proposes to purchase all the collieries of Cumberland, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Northumberland and Durham. The proprietors of the mines will meet soon at Manchester to consider the syndicate's proposal.

REMARKS FROM JOHN L.

WORCESTER, Mass., March 21.—An associated press representative saw John L. Sullivan, who is stopping here, in a new role. While talking to a gathering of friends some one mentioned Blaine's name. This led the big fellow off upon the unusual strain of politics. He first expressed his sympathy over Cleveland's defeat and said he liked him because he resembled himself. They both were big, solid men, and both had been knocked out by their former opponents—Cleveland by the people of the United States, and he by the people of Boston. Again, he and Cleveland had both gone to New York to get on their legs again. The only thing that he did not like was that Cleveland was a lawyer. He was sore on lawyers, but recollected that Cleveland was once a sheriff, which inadmissible position somewhat offset the misfortune of being a lawyer.

"There's Harrison," went on John L., "he's nowhere. James G. Blaine is president. Jimmie's got a big head, and he ain't going to let any one come treading on our toes. I would like to see Jimmie be president. He's got knocked out several times, but he's still in training. What I don't like is what he calls a vigorous foreign policy, which means getting a lot of fellows to shoot each other to carry out some scheme of his, and I am afraid he will get us into trouble."

Here some one asked him if he would fight in case of war. "Me to war? Never! What, me go? Allow my carcass to be used as a target? I claim that any man who goes to war is a big chump. If war was to be declared to-morrow you would see John L. packing his trunk and making his way toward China. I am willing to stand up and face a man who has a gun in front of me, but to be a target for sharpshooters in the rear, I object. Therefore I trust that James G. will go slow."

On the Quarantined Steamer.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—There was more excitement on the steamer Columbia to-day than there has been since the passengers refused to go on the Mexico. The steamer Newport went alongside to take off the perishable freight. The 120 sacks of oysters which were on board so much comment, were the first things removed, and the passengers applauded the act loudly. Then the onions were taken out of the hold, and finally the potatoes.

The passengers, many of whom had become tired of being in quarantine, tried numerous ways to get off the vessel. Bribes were offered without number to be stowed away on the Newport. One man got a laborer's jacket and overalls and attempted to carry out a sack of onions. He was not sharp enough and his disguise was easily seen through. Several jumped over the railing on to the Newport and tried to hide in the cabins, but every attempt was balked by the quarantine officers.

The steamer passengers passed a vote of thanks to the steamship's owners for removing the "perishable cargo."

J. K. Armsby, writing from San Francisco on the salmon situation, says: "There is but little change in the salmon situation from that of a week ago, with the exception that about 100,000 cases more Alaska have been sold, and everything is now picked up except a few packs that are held at very high prices. It is hard to see how there can be any decline in Alaska salmon this year. Europe has bought more liberally than ever was before known, both of Fraser river and Columbia, and while they have touched Alaska river a little charity, owing to the high prices, yet they have picked up everything that has been offered at anything like low prices. George Hume's and Scotchler & Gibb's Sacramento fish have been sold for export at \$1.45. Australia has also come in the market and bought freely, and while there may be a few of these European purchases offered in this country, yet the bulk of trading has been bona fide sales for straight export trade."

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