

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

ROUTINE WORK OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION.

Substance of the Bills and Resolutions Introduced in the Senate and House—Condensed Record of the Deliberations of the National Lawmakers—Senate.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Senator Wolcott, who has been absent in Europe for the past month, was present in the senate yesterday and took the prescribed oath.

Butler offered two amendments to the free-coinage substitute for the omnibus bill. The first prohibits the sale of interest-bearing bonds without the express consent of congress, and the second makes it mandatory on the secretary of the treasury to redeem greenbacks and treasury notes in silver.

At the conclusion of the morning session, Mr. Sherman moved that the senate adjourn, it being understood that the republicans desired to hold a caucus.

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floor, and spoke against the growing power given by the rules to the speaker. He withdrew his position, however, after a speech by Bell, who claimed that it would secure for the Populist members the recognition of which he claimed they were deprived.

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A GOLDEN OUTLOOK

RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE DAIRY INDUSTRY.

The Best Winter Feed for Cows—Some Foreign Dairies—The Washington Dairy School—Some Valuable Information for Dairymen.

None of the resources of the great Northwest give more hope for future development than does the dairy industry. A careful and conservative estimate, printed in the Yakima Republic, fixes the amount of butter used daily in the state of Washington at 50,000 pounds, and for the week, 350,000 pounds.

Since dairying has become a leading feature of Eastern Washington agriculture, writes Professor Spellman, of the Pullman Agricultural college: "The question of winter feed for dairy cattle is an important one.

"The Golden Tankard fills these conditions pretty well. In selecting a carrot, I would advise planting one of the half-long or stump-rooted varieties; they are easily pulled and yield well.

The dairy school of Washington, at Pullman, will begin February 17, and continue eight weeks. The work in this school is entirely different in character from that done in the farmers' school.

In order to make the instruction offered in the dairy school of the most practical value, the agricultural college has secured for instructor in dairying Adolph Schoenmann, of Plain, Wis.

In some of the dairies in the neighborhood of Edinburgh, and in all those near Glasgow, says the American Agriculturist, the butter is made by churning the cream and milk together.

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Divorce in Olden Times. There has been a very general misconception that during pagan times the position of women was practically that of slaves.

Italian Victory in Abyssinia. Rome, Jan. 11.—News is received that the Italians in Abyssinia have defeated Emperor Menelik's forces at Makethi, the engagement taking place January 7.

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THE popular woman need not care whether she is pretty or ugly. She need not query whether she is brilliant or stupid, but simply revel in the fact that everybody likes her whether she likes them or not.

For who would make bloomers of fur? The bicycle girl was all right for a while, but now she is quite out of date.

THE WAY SHE MANAGES HER SKIRTS. Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, New York, Paris.



Women who study fashions in a far-sighted way have prophesied for some time that the days of the bustle were about to return.

The Art of Eating. We must insist on the necessity of teaching children daintiness in table manners. The young person is to be sincerely pitied who has no careful mother, nurse or governess to attend to this in childhood.

Braided Hats. Braided chenille and braided felt are used extensively this season in the making of hats.

Green the Season's Color. This appears to be the green season, all shades of that color being in vogue.

Rights of Married Women in Georgia. The Legislature of Georgia has passed a bill which makes the earnings of a married woman her personal property and not liable for the debts or in any way belonging to her husband.

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A FIGHTING OYSTER.

In a Battle With a Starfish the Watchful Bivalve Killed Its Foe. "To look at an oyster you would never imagine that there was any fight in it, would you?" asked an observant fisherman as he pried open the shell of one of the bivalves he was talking about.

"One of the most exciting contests I ever saw was between an oyster and one of the most deadly enemies of the oyster family, and I am glad to say that the oyster won the fight.

"This fight I was speaking about occurred in shallow water, and I had a good sight of it. I saw the starfish work warily along over the oyster, and then settle upon it.

"The oyster was now mad all the way through and shifted its position, turning its open shell upward as the starfish dropped toward it.

Weather Prophet. An old man who acts as sexton in the one church of a little New Hampshire village has what he calls a "sure tellin sign" to assist him in making those prognostications about the weather for which he has acquired a pleasant renown in the neighborhood.

"It's my old bellows that tells me certain sure when there's a dry spell comin, an when we may count on a good smart rain. She's just as reliable as last week's paper—or just about.

"When I take her in hand to ring for an evenin meetin, an her strands is all kinder moistened up a stringy, I says to myself, 'We'll fetch a storm by tomorrer night, an we'll name ain't Keziah Hicks,' says I. An we'll fetch a storm tomorrer night—or thereabouts.

"But when I ketch a holt of her on a real blusterin July mornin, when the folks are all comin along up the road with parasols an sun umbrellas, an she's all sunched up together just as dry as an old bone, an not a mite o' give to her, why, I know what to expect.

Ginseng in China. The greatest care is taken by the Chinese of the pieces of ginseng of the finest quality. M. Hue says that throughout China no chemist's shop is unprovided with more or less of it.

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