

### THE SESSION'S WORK.

#### A Review of the Legislation That Was Attended To.

The extraordinary session of congress which has just closed was called by President McKinley two days after he took the oath of office on the steps of the capitol. It met in pursuance to his proclamation, at noon, March 15. The special message transmitted by him to both houses on the opening day was brief. It explained the deficiency in the revenues, reviewed the bond issues of the last administration and urged congress promptly to correct the then existing conditions by passing a tariff bill that would supply ample revenue, support the government, and the liquidation of the public debt.

No other subject of legislation was mentioned in the message, and the tariff has been the all-absorbing feature of the session. The Republican members of the ways and means committee of the preceding house had been at work throughout the short session, which ended March 4, giving hearings and preparing the bill which was to be submitted to the extra session. Three days after the session opened the tariff bill was reported to the house by the ways and means committee and 13 days later, March 31, it passed the house. It went to the senate, was referred to the committee on finance, and the Republican members of that committee spent a month and three days in its consideration and in preparing the amendments which were submitted to the senate May 7, and exactly two months later, July 7, it passed the senate with 872 amendments.

The bill then went to conference, where after a 10 days' struggle, on July 17, a complete agreement was reached by which the senate receded from 18 amendments and the house from 511. The other 243 were compromised. The conference report was adopted by the house on July 19, at the conclusion of 12 hours' continuous debate. The report was taken up in the senate July 20, and adopted July 24. The tariff bill was signed by the president the same day.

Congress did not devote its session entirely to the tariff, although it did subordinate everything else to this one measure. The four appropriation bills which failed on March 4 last, would, in themselves, have compelled President McKinley to call congress in extra session, even if the necessity for a revision of the tariff had not existed. These appropriation bills were the sundry civil, the agricultural, the Indian, and the general deficiency. Those bills were introduced and passed by the house in the initial form in which they existed at the time they failed of enactment into law at the preceding congress, but they were amended in some important particulars by the senate, and when they finally became laws, contained more or less new legislation of interest and importance. The general deficiency bill carried a provision accepting the invitation to take part in the Paris exposition in 1900, and appropriated \$25,000 to defray preliminary expenses, and appropriated \$150,000 for a new immigrant station at New York to replace the one destroyed by fire.

By far the most important piece of new legislation in the bill, however, was that limiting the cost of armor plate for three new battle-ships to \$300 a ton, and in case of the secretary of the navy finding it impossible to make contracts for armor within the price fixed, he was authorized by this provision to take steps to establish a government armor-plate factory of sufficient capacity to make the armor. In executing this authority, he must prepare a description and plans and specifications of the land, buildings and machinery suitable for the factory; advertise for proposals and report to congress at its next session.

In the Indian bill, after a severe struggle in both houses, the question of sectarian schools was settled by the following declaration of the policy of the government:

"That the secretary of the interior may make contracts with sectarian schools, apportioning as near as may be, the amounts contracted for among schools of various denominations for the education of Indian pupils during the fiscal year 1898, but shall only make such contracts at such places as non-sectarian schools cannot be provided for such Indian children, and to an amount not exceeding 40 per cent of the amount so used for the fiscal year 1895."

The question of opening to entry the gilsonite deposits in the Uncompahgre reservation was also compromised by opening such agricultural land as have not been allotted to the Uncompahgre Indians on April 1, 1898, to entry, but reserving to the United States title to all lands containing gilsonite, asphalt or like substances.

In the sundry civil bill the most important new provision was that suspending the order of President Cleveland, setting aside about 21,000 acres as forest reservations. The law also includes a general scheme of legislation for the government and protection for the forest reservations of the country.

The Republican leaders of the house decided at the opening of the session to pursue a policy of inaction in order to throw the responsibility for delaying the tariff bill upon the senate, and therefore the committees were not announced until the close of the session, and only urgent matters were considered. Fifty thousand dollars were appropriated for the relief of American citizens in Cuba at the solicitation of the president; \$200,000 was appropriated for the relief of the Mississippi flood sufferers.

A resolution was passed authorizing the secretary of the navy to transport supplies contributed for the relief of the starving in India, and \$50,000 was appropriated for the entertainment and expenses of the delegates to the universal postal congress.

The Hawaiian treaty of annexation negotiated by President McKinley was still unacted upon when congress adjourned.

In open session, after much debate, the senate passed the Cuban belligerent resolution, a bankruptcy bill, including both voluntary and involuntary features, the "free homes" bill. But none of these important questions received consideration in the house.

The following minor and joint resolutions became laws, managing to escape objection from any member: Authorizing the secretary of war to receive for instruction at the military academy at West Point Carlos Gutierrez, of Salvador.

To amend an act entitled, "An act to provide for the entry of land in Greer county, Oklahoma, to give preference rights to settlers and for other purposes," approved January 18, 1897.

Appropriating \$10,000 not expended for the relief of the Mississippi river flood sufferers, for the flood sufferers at El Paso, Texas.

Authorizing foreign exhibitors at the trans-Mississippi and international exposition to be held in Omaha during 1898, to bring to the United States foreign laborers from their countries respectively, for the purpose of preparing for and making exhibits.

To provide for the immediate repair of dry dock No. 3, at the New York navy yard.

Making appropriations for the improvement of the Mississippi river.

To supply deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897.

Three bills authorizing the construction of bridges across the Pearl river, in Mississippi, the St. Louis river, between Minnesota and Wisconsin, and across the Clinch river in Tennessee.

### HOUSE COMMITTEES.

The Names of the Men Given the Most Important Places.

Speaker Reed has announced the following house committees. The committees on ways and means, account and mileage were announced at the beginning of the session. The following are the chairmen and the far Western congressmen given places on the more important committees, the names of the chairmen being given first:

Foreign affairs—Robert Hitt, of Illinois; Francis Newlands, Nevada.

Appropriations—Joseph G. Cannon, Illinois.

Judiciary—David B. Anderson, Iowa.

Banking and currency—Joseph H. Wallace, Massachusetts; F. G. Newlands, Nevada.

Coinage, weights and measures—Charles Stanoe, Pennsylvania.

Interstate and foreign commerce—W. P. Hepburn, Iowa; A. J. Barham, California.

Rivers and harbors—W. B. Hooker, New York.

Agriculture—J. S. Wadsworth, New York; T. H. Tongue, Oregon.

Military affairs—J. A. Hull, Iowa; Marcus Smith, Arizona.

Naval affairs—C. A. Boutelle, Maine; S. G. Hilborn, California.

Postoffices and postroads—Eugene J. Loud, California; H. B. Ferguson, New Mexico.

Public lands—J. F. Lacey, Iowa; W. R. Ellis, Oregon; J. H. Lewis, Washington; Marion Devries, California; Marcus A. Smith, Arizona.

Indian affairs—J. A. Sherman, New York; M. A. Smith, Arizona.

Territories—W. S. Knox, Massachusetts; M. A. Smith, Arizona.

Public buildings and grounds—D. S. Mercer, Nebraska; Hilborn, California.

Pacific railroads—Powers, Vermont.

Invalid pensions—Ray, New York; Castle, California.

Immigration and naturalization—Lorenzo Samford, Ohio.

Labor—J. J. Gardner, New Jersey.

Militia—B. F. Marsh, Illinois.

Minor committee chairmen—Elections No. 1, E. Taylor, Ohio; No. 2, Henry Johnson, Indiana; No. 3, James A. Walker, Virginia.

Levee and improvement of Mississippi river—Richard Bartjoldt, Missouri.

Education—G. A. Grow, Pennsylvania.

Merchant marine and fisheries—S. E. Payne, New York.

Railways and canals—Charles A. Chickering, New York.

Manufactures—George W. Garish, Indiana.

Mines and mining—Charles H. Grosvenor, Ohio.

Patents—J. N. Dicks, Pennsylvania.

Pensions—H. C. Ludenslager, New Jersey.

Claims—C. N. Brumm, Pennsylvania.

War claims—T. M. Maher, Pennsylvania.

Private land claims—G. W. Smith, Illinois.

District of Columbia—J. W. Babcock, Wisconsin.

A Probably Fatal Quarrel.

Bloomfield, Ill., July 27.—At Dresden, a little town ten miles east of here, two brothers, Butler and Morton Records, became engaged in a quarrel, and Morton attacked Butler with a chair and was about to strike when Butler drew a revolver and shot him through the left lung. Butler surrendered himself to the authorities. Morton will die.

Fire Caused a Panic.

Paducah, Ky., July 27.—During a performance of the "Streets of New York" at the summer Casino theater last night, which was attended by about 600 people, fire broke out among the scenery, owing to a lamp exploding upon the stage. A panic ensued, and men, women and children fought frantically for egress. Fortunately no fatalities resulted, but a large number were burned and seriously injured by being trampled upon.

### Electric Heating.

The extension in progress in the various applications of electric heat is hardly realized by the general public. A great number of electric heating apparatus are being supplied by the manufacturers for shoe-making machinery, heating silk-finishing rolls and leather-working machinery, and during the past year and a half alone 4,000 electric car heaters have been installed. A blankbook manufacturer has had in use since 1894 from 35 to 40 electric glass pots, and starch-makers are now employing electric-heat apparatus extensively. In one piano factory in Baltimore 20 electric heaters were recently placed and nearly all the large clothing houses of the country now do most of their work in certain departments by electric irons. Such irons have also been supplied to state asylums in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, Maine and Maryland. Electric radiators are found very convenient where it is desired to heat a room, or a corner of it, for a limited period, as the heat can be instantly turned off or on. One of the most popular uses of electric heating today is for curling-iron sets. Three hundred and eighty-seven of these were ordered for the dressing rooms of two combined New York hotels, 72 sets for a Boston hotel and a large number for the American line of steamers across the Atlantic.

River and canal improvement is an important subject in France. One of the latest propositions is to improve the Loire and its canals at a cost of \$34,000,000. The Rhone and Garonne have already been improved and the heavy expenditure is justified by results.

Professor Forbes calculates that the first catamaran of the Nile at Dhig Nile represents 500,000 horse-power, and at low Nile 35,000 horse-power.

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A first edition of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" sold in London the other day for \$1,575. It would be interesting to know the sum the great poet received for his work.

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### ABOUT IRREGULARITY.

A Chat With Miss Marie Johnson.

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The Port Angeles school district has decided by a vote of five to one to validate its outstanding warrant indebtedness, amounting to \$18,000, issued in excess of the legal limits.

The receiver of the nail works at Port Townsend has postponed the sale of the goods and chattels of the works until August 24, at the request of a majority of the creditors.

The shipments of fruit from the city of Walla Walla during the last four months have brought to that place \$75,000 in cash, being 40 per cent more than for the corresponding period a year ago.

Very few idle men are seen on the streets of Walla Walla as compared with the number there a week ago. Those willing to work secured jobs from the farmers, most of whom are harvesting full blast.

The berry-pickers around Lake Whatcom are bringing into Whatcom 100 gallons of wild blackberries every night. One night last week 131 gallons were brought in. The berries retail at 50 cents a gallon.

A raft of 345,000 feet of logs has been received at Port Townsend. The logs are to be cut into lumber and used in building a wharf that will be used in connection with the building of the fortifications at Marrowstone point by the Pacific Bridge Company.

### BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

#### A Resume of Events in the Northwest.

#### EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

News Gathered in All the Towns of Our Neighboring States—Improvement Noted in All Industries—Oregon.

The Washington county court is debating the question of building a county jail.

A new wheat warehouse has been built at Mission to take the place of the one that burned recently.

The estimated sum of money that has left Grant county during the last year for bicycles is \$4,500. This sum would give a bicycle to about every twentieth voter.

A brass shoe weighing 1,800 pounds was cast at the Astoria iron works last week. The shoe is to be put on the keel of the Mansanita to hold the sternpost, rudder and screw.

Work is piling up at the Pendleton foundry so rapidly that it has been found necessary to work nights. A night force has been hired and in a few days the hum of the machinery will be heard almost without cessation in the establishment.

The citizens of Marshfield, Myrtle Point and other towns in Coos county have complained somewhat of a sugar famine, but Coquille has been worse off. There has been a shortage of flour, sugar, butter, eggs and fruit jars, and steamers and trains would come and go without replenishing the stocks of flour and sugar.

The 19th annual catalogue and guide-book of the state normal school at Drain, in Douglas county, has been published. A feature of the catalogue, not usually found in such publications, is the remarks addressed to the different classes, to those who expect to become pupils, to the instructors, and to the school directors throughout the state.

The Odd Fellows hall in Pendleton is being moved and the contents of the copper box deposited in the corner-stone of the building May 8, 1879, have been removed. The articles contained in the box consist principally of a number of coins, two business cards, several newspapers, a copy of the old constitution and by-laws and the family record of Lot Livermore.

The report of the officials of the La Grande land district, which includes Baker, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties, shows a total land surface area in the district of 8,843,000 acres, of which 15,360 acres are reserved, 2,820,425 acres have been disposed of, leaving a total of 5,871,215 acres yet undisposed of, of which 4,394,601 acres are surveyed and 1,476,614 acres unsurveyed land. Union county embraces a total land surface area of 2,028,000 acres; 678,814 acres have been disposed of, and there is yet available 1,349,186 acres, of which 867,353 acres are surveyed and 481,833 acres unsurveyed. Of the land in Union yet undisposed of, 75 per cent is timbered, 20 per cent grazing land, and 5 per cent farming land.

Washington.

H. T. Jones has been tendered and has accepted the position of chief grain inspector for Spokane. The salary is \$1,200 a year.

All arrangements have been made by the Fishermen's Protective Association, on Gray's harbor, to run the cannery at Aberdeen this season.

The Whitman County Union Veterans' Association of Old Soldiers and Sailors, at its first annual reunion last week, decided to meet next year in Pullman.

The contract for revenue cutter supplies for the coming year has been awarded to the Adams Hardware Company, of Port Townsend, says the Leader.

Dealers are offering 52 cents a bushel for wheat in Pomeroy, but there are few takers. One farmer sold 8,000 bushels at that figure, and received part down.

One of the Seattle banks is issuing letters of credit available at Juneau, St. Michaels and Circle City, Alaska, Fort Cudahy and Dawson City, Northwest territory.

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