

There is one law among the federal statutes against which the spirit of every American should instinctively rebel. It is the Federal election law, or, as it might appropriately be named, the little force bill, under which the tyranny of John I. Davenport has grown up. The law was a seed of despotism, and it never could have germinated in our free soil but for the increased respect for or toleration of centralized power which grew out of the war. That sentiment has characterized the policy of the republican party throughout. It was only by a hair's breadth that the passage of the Lodge force bill was averted. Had that become a law our republican party claims to have saved the union. The democracy may rightly claim to have saved the republic. The democrats of the Fifty-third congress will take intense satisfaction in sweeping from the statute books all laws that permit of federal interference in state elections. That accomplished, Davenport's despotism will be at an end, and he will step down from his inquisitorial throne. It is one of the characteristic features of this most un-American of laws that the chief supervisors of elections have a life tenure of office, unless they can be proven to be unfaithful or incapable. By this provision the republicans expected to guard against their removal should the democracy come temporarily into power. And in order to make sure that they would be extremely "faithful" and zealous in their espionage over democratic voters their emoluments were made contingent on services performed. But the democrats have a remedy for the whole vile system. They will lay the axe at the root of the tree.

That the democrats in congress have this reform deeply at heart is evidenced by the action taken in the house on the opening day of the present session. One of the first bills introduced was by Mr. Oates of Alabama to repeal all laws authorizing the appointment of supervisors or deputy marshals for service at polling places on federal election days. Mr. Wheeler of Alabama also introduced a bill making it unlawful for an officer of the federal government to interfere in state elections. We can well understand why the members from Alabama should take the lead in this matter, since they have fresh in mind the outrages recently perpetrated in that state by federal officials. It will be a satisfaction to have the subject discussed in the present congress. But the repeal of the obnoxious law will have to be left to the next congress. A bill for that purpose may be expected to be introduced on its opening day.

It will be a day of rejoicing with the democracy of New York city when President Cleveland shall sign a bill repealing the laws under which Davenport's federal detective agency has been maintained for twenty-one years. And it should be a day of rejoicing for the nation, for it will mark the downfall of the republican policy of enlarging federal authority at the expense of state authority. That policy was an outgrowth of the war spirit, which tolerated almost complete centralization of power in the federal government. It has been maintained only by the studied efforts of the republican leaders to keep the war spirit alive. Those efforts no longer avail. The great majority of the people wish to see peace re-established in spirit as well as in form. The political revolution of 1890 meant that the nation would no longer endure war taxes and the war policy of federal usurpation of state rights. They wish to return to the policy of government that prevailed before the war, and that is the mission with which the democracy has been intrusted.

The people who receive copies of the Congressional Record through the mails may look upon themselves as highly favored in one respect as the output is limited to twenty-two copies to each member of congress. An attempt was made the other day to increase the number to twenty-four but the chairman of the house printing committee said it would cost an additional \$65,000 to do it and that settled it. Ex-speaker Reed thought that was cheap enough "to get more of our speeches before the country," but the house disagreed with him? And who reads the Record?

An amateur recommends the following method of preventing house plants from freezing: Wrap a two gallon jug filled with hot water in several layers of paper. Then place the plants on a table, all around the jug, covering all with a sheet, gossamer or large wrapping paper. The paper wrapped on the jug not only retains heat but modifies the heat.

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WHAT A LITTLE OIL WILL DO.

A drop of oil and a feather may make the difference between misery and comparative comfort. Where have I heard the delightful story of the feather that cured the nervous family? How that poor creature, and the delicate wife shivered and was miserable, and the floor, overworked husband fidgeted and then growled, and then snarled, and finally swore, while the children whined and fretted and quarreled; and all the while no one knew what was the matter. One day the husband, led by a half-defined impulse, took a feather and a drop of oil, and oiled the hinges of the door. When the wife saw him do it she thought, "How kind and considerate is William," and her nerves no longer rasped by the door creaking, she greeted him with a smile that made him feel like oiling doors all day; whereupon he smiled too, and said something pleasant, and was answered cheerfully, and the children tried this too, and straightway found the day pleasant than they had thought, and resolved to go out and play together. And the next thing, this whole family was going to a concert together, all well and cheerful, and just like anybody else.

The compensation of a United States senator is \$5000 per annum with 20 cents a mile mileage, and an allowance for stationery of \$125 a year. He is also allowed franking privileges and necessary expenses on committees and special deputations. They are privileged from arrest during their attendance at session and in going to and returning therefrom, in all cases except for treason, felony and breach of the peace. During the time for which he is elected no senator can be appointed to any civil office under the authority of the United States, which may have been created or the emoluments of which may have been increased during his term. The senators are bound by oath or affirmation but no religious test is required as a qualification.

Governor McKinley has put himself in line. He declares that protection will be the line of battle in the next campaign, and to a personal friend he said, for publication, that if his party names him for leader of the state ticket he will accept. Mr. McKinley has his eye fixed on the presidential nomination, and undoubtedly regrets that he did not take it, or attempt to do so, at Minneapolis last June. The democratic party will cordially welcome the issue on behalf of the people. The protected barons will never again get their grip on national affairs.

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Suffered From Birth
With a Severe Form of
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We cannot tell how that poor boy suffered in all those years. Physicians did not effect a cure. At last I decided to give him Hood's Sarsaparilla, as my druggist recommended it. In about two weeks the Sarsaparilla began to have effect. The sores commenced to heal up; the flesh began to look more natural and healthy. Then the sores came off and all over his body new and healthy flesh and skin formed. When he had taken two bottles he was entirely free from sores, having only the scars to show where they had been. There has been no reappearance. We are unable to express our thanks for the good.

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MRS. A. B. McILWAIN.

The following sketch of the life of Mrs. A. B. McIlwain, who died on Dec. 15th, from paralysis, appears in the Oregonian:

Lydia A. McIlwain was born on the 25th day of July, 1835, in Ulster county, New York, being the daughter of Rufus and Ann E. Roe, of Center Village, in that county. She was married in New York City on the 28th of February, 1861, to A. B. McIlwain, who made the long trip from Oregon to New York for that purpose. This being before the era of transcontinental railroads, the return trip to the Pacific Coast was made by steamer via Panama, arriving in San Francisco the same year, and proceeding soon after to their future home at Waldo, Josephine county, Or., where Mr. McIlwain had preceded her and had provided for her a commodious, and for those days, an elaborately furnished home. The young couple were for 16 years prominent in the social and commercial life of Southern Oregon, removing to Albany in 1877 to engage more extensively in the general mercantile business, and to pass together their declining years in the enjoyment of the material comforts which a liberal fortune could secure.

To her intimate friends Mrs. McIlwain was known as a woman of true womanly qualities—a most devoted mother and a true wife. She was, in her own quiet way, a believing, trusting Christian, having united with the Albany Congregational church, by profession of faith, in 1880, under the ministry of the late Rev. J. W. Harris. The funeral services were conducted by the resident pastor, Rev. W. A. Trow. Besides a host of loving friends, Mrs. McIlwain leaves a son and two daughters, the latter residing in Portland and Spokane. One brother, Colonel John H. Roe, now in Florida, has his home in Kearney, Neb.; another brother, James E. Roe, and a sister, Mrs. M. C. Benham, reside in Spokane; another sister, wife of the late Rev. L. M. Carver, resides in San Francisco. But more than all, this untimely death at the early age of 57, after more than 30 years of tender, loving companionship, deprives a husband of his chiefest comfort—a true helpmate to cheer, sustain and strengthen in life's troublous journey.

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Dated Nov 28th, 1892.
J. W. RITSMAN,
Secretary and Manager.

LATEST NEWS!

Ants Claus Makes an Important Price Innovation!

JULIUS GRADWOHL informs us that he will sell all of his Dolls at cost. Instead of glass ware he will give dolls and books as prizes with his tea and baking powder during the holidays. As his tea and baking powder is so well known it does not need further mention. All of his goods will be discounted at from 5 to 40 per cent net cash. Come one, come all and satisfy yourselves that he tells the truth.

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