

THE HARD TIMES CONGRESS.

The first session of the fifty-third congress is at an end, and it is one that will live in history. It was one of the longest and breeziest on record. And the remarkable part of it is that after working all the winter, all the spring, all the summer, it did exactly what it started in not to do. As there was but a short interval between the special and regular sessions, the fifty-third congress has been in session for more than a year. It has been a hard-working congress, but for the most part it has been love's labor lost. Most of the time was devoted to the consideration of tariff legislation, and at the last moment all the work of the session was discarded and a bill adopted that would have been ridiculed in the early stages. This congress went in on a free coinage platform and came out on a platform of gold monometalism. It went in on a free trade platform and came out on a monopoly protected platform. It went in on a platform pledged to retrenchment and came out on appropriations aggregating more than \$1,000,000,000. The truth is that after this congress got in it was confronted with a situation of which it had never dreamed and theories had to surrender to conditions. Then again, whether justly or unjustly, this congress will be forever associated with this unparalleled era of hard times. It will be known in the future as "the hard times congress," although the hard times would have been here if congress had never assembled. But it is all over now, and there is a positive feeling of relief that congress has adjourned. The times may not improve, but the knowledge that congress is not in session to help along with the hard times is some consolation.—Telegram.

There is soon to be a new school text-book deal, and we hope that it will be so managed that there will be no suspicion of jobbery. The people are very jealous of everything connected with the administration of the public schools. But in all the school work there is nothing which requires more particular care than the proper selection of text-books, and it should be looked to that the school patrons are not imposed on either in the price or quality of the books. We do not know whether there is any just ground for it, but we do know that there has been a great deal of grumbling about the present contract. In the future, all contracts for furnishing school books should not only be absolutely just, but they should be above suspicion. Let everything that is done be done in the light, and let it be so fair that no one can find ground for complaint.—Telegram.

It is reported that Mr. Pullman, the palace car man, has contracted for a thoroughbred prince for his daughter. Just what the contract price agreed upon is, the public has not been informed, but the pet will no doubt prove an expensive one for the daughter before she gets through with it. It is now getting so that in order to be counted among the "four hundred" in America it is necessary that some member of the family should wear a princely title, no matter how much dishonor or expense is necessary to capture it. The way now is to go west and make a fortune, then go east and live with the bloods, marry a daughter of the family off in this manner, and go to the grave in the bitter agony of remorse.—Eugene Register.

COLONEL ENDY, in his speech at Hartford, the other evening, says the Snobish Democrat, told his audience that the democrats had always been howling about the thousands of tramps in this country, but that he had observed that more tramps had been hatched under Cleveland's administration than under all other administrations combined; which remark

caused tremendous applause on the republican side. But just as the Colonel was getting his breath to launch forth another good one on Democracy, a tall, lean, lank, old populist arose in the audience and said: "Yes, Colonel Eddy, that's true, but if you are honest you will admit to this audience that the republican party was thirty years laying the eggs." And the way the rafters in that building trembled was a terror.

PROFESSOR RUDOLPH FALB, the German meteorologist, whose name has been taken in vain so frequently within the last few weeks, is good natured about it, and says that he is making no mistake. He is quoted in the Baltimore Sun of a recent day as saying that his predictions of "critical days" for 1894 are divided into three classes, and that August 30th is the first critical day of the first class, to be followed by September 29th and October 28th. He asks a suspension of judgment on his predictions until these dates are passed. His dates for the second class are September 15th, October 14th and November 13th; for the third class, August 16th, November 27th and December 27th. It will be observed that two dates have been passed, August 16th, which belongs to the third, or least important class; and August 30th, which belongs to the first class; and so far as we have heard there were no unusual atmospheric conditions, except that August 16th was the beginning of excessively hot weather.

The sincere desire for and pleasure in another's welfare are the foundation upon which all true social relations must be based. Until that is in some degree experienced, all sorts of disputes and antagonisms will interfere with the best success of any organization, small or great. Every one admits this in the household, in the friendly circle, in all reformatory and philanthropic labor. Without love in the family, without affection in friendship, without sympathy, pity and kindness of heart in benevolent efforts, we know that their failure is imminent.—Florence West.

THE key-note to success and prosperity is now being sounded throughout the country, and will, if acted upon, lead to a "clearing" in the course of time. It is simply the admonition to every man to keep a part of his income. If a man is earning \$10 a week, he can spend \$8 and succeed. But if he spends \$12 he will surely find "hard times" grinding him. That is to a great extent what is the matter with the times now. We have been too thoughtless of the future. But it is gratifying to see how, with reduced incomes, the people are reducing their indebtedness, slowly but surely.

WHEN we consult statistics, which show the remarkable number of alien immigrants into this country during the past year, the majority in the already overcrowded East, it is no wonder their advent tends to increase the poor rates, and to heighten the struggle for existence by home people, as the foreigners' different ideas of what are the necessities of life cause them to accept work for almost a pittance. The policy of restricting foreign immigration should be adopted, and it cannot be established too soon.—Ex.

THE United States senate is rapidly losing ground. Its record on the tariff legislation has lost for it the confidence and respect of many former admirers. The day is not far distant when the people and not the politicians will do the selecting of men for these high positions. The senate used to be, in the time of Webster, Clay and Calhoun, the pride of the nation and the admiration of the world. It is now the home of vile schemes, dishonest combinations and foul corruption. The day of its usefulness as now chosen, is past. Reform is necessary.

At a sham battle by the Miscellaneous National Guard at Meridian,

Thursday, Captain R. R. Stephens, U. S. A. instructor, rode his horse at full speed into the crowd in the effort to drive it back, and knocked down women and children, who were trampled upon. Much indignation is expressed and an effort will be made to make the officer answer for his recklessness.

THE postoffice savings banks of Canada, for the past year ending June 30th, have increased twenty-six in number and now the grand total is 699. The amount standing to the credit of depositors is \$25,257,868, the largest ever known. The total expense of management of all the banks is \$56,612, the smallest amount ever known. This will give those who favor this system of banking a chance to do some figuring.

THE Brossius Sewing Machine and Motor Company has assigned. Assets, \$155,000; liabilities, \$19,000. The assets consist principally of the factory and plant at Dixon, Ill. The attorney for the insolvents ascribes the failure to the fact that the company started out on too large a scale.

WITH the passage of the tariff bill putting wool on the free list, that staple has taken an upward tendency of five cents a pound. The reason is not obvious to the ordinary individual. The Express has no solution for the strange coincidence, yet it seems to be true. High tariff papers might rise and explain.

IT is noticeable that the number of hunting accidents and cases of "took him for a deer" are decidedly diminished this year in comparison with former years. It is to be hoped the decrease will continue, but it may be safe to say that after a short period of cautiousness, hunters will again become reckless.—Ex.

THE past season has been a most disastrous one to Northern sealers. Five schooners have been lost. Four of them sent crews to watery graves, and so far it is known that a hundred lives have been lost in the hunt for seals since the season opened.

A MAN has been released from the Maryland State Penitentiary after serving five years of an 18-year sentence, his complete innocence of the crime charged having been established.

THE Chinese and Japs are still hard at it, fighting for the supremacy of the East. The sympathy of civilized nations should be with the Japs, as being less heathenish.

LIKE the tariff bill, the one appropriating money for rivers and harbors becomes law without the signature of the president.

FLOWERS AND PLANTS.

AMONG flowers chrysanthemums live the longest after being cut. AN attempt is being made to export flowers from Australia, refrigerating them as beef and milk are treated. THERE is a wild flower in Turkey that is the exact floral image of a humming bird; the breast is green, the wings are a deep rose color, the throat yellow, the head and beak almost black. PLANTS often exhibit something very much like intelligence. If a bucket of water during a dry season be placed a few inches from a growing pumpkin or melon vine the latter will turn from its course and in a day or two will get one of its leaves in the water.

LEBANON PRODUCE MARKET.

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 Wheat—35c.
 Oats—23c.
 Hay—\$4 to \$6 per ton.
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 Bran—75c per cwt.
 Middlings—\$1 00 per cwt.
 Potatoes—40c.
 Apples—Dried, 8c per lb.
 Plums—Dried, 4 1/2c.
 Onions—2 1/2c.
 Beef—Dressed, 6c.
 Veal—4@5c.
 Pork—Dressed, 5c.
 Lard—14.
 Hams—12 1/2 per lb.
 Shoulders—10c.
 Sides—11c per lb.
 Geese—\$5 per doz.
 Ducks—\$3 00 per doz.
 Chickens—\$2 25@3 00.
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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Linn county, Oregon, the administratrix of the estate of Jacob Newman, deceased, and has duly qualified as such administratrix. All parties having claims against said estate are hereby warned to present the same, duly verified, within six months from the date hereof, to the undersigned at the office of Sam'l M. Garland at Lebanon, Oregon.
 SAM'L M. GARLAND, Administratrix.
 Attorney for Administratrix.

Administratrix's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by county court, of Linn county, Oregon, the administratrix of the estate of Alonzo Ames, deceased, and has duly qualified as such administratrix. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present them, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date hereof, to the undersigned, at the office of Sam'l M. Garland, in Lebanon, Linn county, Oregon.
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