

WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

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Senator Gray made a telling point against the proposed republican gag rule, now before the Senate, when he called the attention to the fact that cloture was first introduced to the English-speaking people to assist the Tories in suppressing the House Rule movement in Ireland. He said: "It is a significant fact, pregnant with instruction and warning to the American people, that the first time in the history of England that an attempt was made in the House of Commons to limit debate it was made in order to suppress home rule in Ireland. Let gentlemen go out and tell their naturalized fellow-citizens from that stricken and unhappy isle that the American Senate is taking a page from the history of the English parliament. Cloture was adopted in England in order that Irishmen might be gagged in the House of Commons when they attempted to assert that freedom of speech which belonged to them as representatives of their people. Let gentlemen tell the naturalized citizens that that is the example they are following in order to destroy home rule in this country."

The republicans profess to believe that the action of the Legislatures in some of the Southern states in refusing to consider bills making appropriations for state exhibits at the World's Fair while the Force bill pending is a bluff, but it is easy to see that it has greatly disconcerted them, and they are receiving hundreds of letters every day from their commercial constituents demanding that the Force bill be abandoned, but they still persist in going ahead to their own destruction.

Senator Stewart made another rattling speech on Saturday against both the gag-rule and the Force bill, and the republican Senators squirmed in their seats as they listened to his words of truthful condemnation, and vain attempts were made by Senators Spooner, Mitchell, and Hoar to disconcert him by asking questions, but he was fully prepared for them and they soon left him severely alone.

Mr. Morton has allowed himself to be made the tool of the radical republicans and by making a number of arbitrary and unjust decisions he has enabled the gag-rule gang to get the cloture rule before the Senate, and they are confidently counting upon similar rulings to get it adopted, and there is no indication that they will be disappointed.

The Confederation of Industrial Organizations, which met here last week elected Benjamin Terrell, of Texas, President and J. W. Hayes, of Pennsylvania, Secretary and Treasurer. It also adopted as its national platform nine demands, the most of which every good democrat can endorse without stretching his conscience in the least. For instance, free coinage, the prohibition of aliens owning lands, opposition to using taxation to build up one class at the expense of another, limiting the revenues of the Government to its necessary expenses, state and national supervision of the means of public communication and the election of U. S. Senators by direct vote of the people, and of President by a popular vote.

The confederation took no formal action towards the formation of a new political party and I do not regard it as probable that they will in the future because, from talk with the delegates I am satisfied that a great majority of them believe that the democratic party will take care of their interests, and that they will use their influence to have all members of Industrial organization support the national democratic ticket next year.

Speaker Reed is doing his level best to gag the democrats of the House, and is only prevented from going to greater extremes by the absence of a republican quorum. He is trying to railroad the appropriations bills through so as to have a clear track when the Force bill comes over with the Senate amendments, if it ever does. He isn't succeeding very well, and will not, unless he gets that republican quorum, and keeps it.

It begins to look as though the silver pool investigation would turn out to be the usual republican Congressional farce, and that Senator Cameron, who has admitted his guilt, would be made the scape-goat. It is stated, and generally believed here, that Mr. Reed and other prominent republicans are using their influence upon the individual members of the committee to prevent their exerting themselves to find out who has been

speculating in silver. There is also talk about some democrats doing the same thing. This is all dead wrong, if true. If any Senator or Representative, be he high or low, democrat or republican has been speculating in silver, while bills affecting the market price of that metal were pending, let him be exposed. The people have a right to know, and no half way methods on the part of the Committee will satisfy them.

Among bills that have been presented in the legislature is a ballot reform bill which by agreement of the Judiciary General Committee will be affirmatively recommended, and then the merits of the two measures, the Ballot Reform Associations and the Fow bill, will be discussed in the House. The Fow bill goes more into detail than the other. In their general operation however, they are similar, providing for surety and effectiveness, and imposing heavy penalties for violation of the law.

Fow, of Philadelphia, presented a bill for the purpose of defining Sabbath labor. It amends the old blue law of 1794, and makes it lawful to sell and deliver milk, to sell ice, fish and meat but not to deliver them by wagon or other vehicle; to sell cigars and ice cream, to print and sell and deliver newspapers, run street railway cars, and open barber shops and bathing houses.

Stocking, of Washington, offered a bill that all executions shall hereafter take place in the Western or Eastern Penitentiaries before sunrise on the day set by the Governor. Provision is made for a jury of six, six witnesses for the condemned, newspaper reporters, physicians, and clergymen.

Johnson of Luzerne, presented a bill exempting electric light companies from a tax on their gross receipts.

A bill by Mr. Roth, of Lehigh, fixes the license fees in cities, boroughs, and townships, and provides for the disposition of the fees. Mr. Johnson's bill permits cities of the first class to retain all the fees collected for license.

The most important of the license bills was that of Mr. Fow, which established a License Court consisting of the three County Commissioners and two citizens who shall be appointed by the court, one of each political party, annually. These County Commissioners for this service to receive half as much more salary as they annually receive, and the other two members of the board to receive a sum equal to the total amount received by the commissioners.

Local newspapers are as much a part of civilization as our schools and churches. They have followed the footsteps of civilization everywhere, exerting a powerful influence in building up communities and fostering industries. The history of a town, in a business sense, at any rate, dates from the advent of its local paper. A town where no such exerting influence exists is of necessity sleepy. Reader, what do you do towards keeping up your local newspaper? How much patronage do you give it? There are business men in Bloomsburg who merely subscribe for their local paper. They do not advertise, and worse, still they get their job printing done away from home. These same business men would be the first to complain if the town had no local paper. If you want Bloomsburg to be isolated from the world, drive out your home paper by non support.

W. A. Peffer was elected United States Senator from Kansas on Tuesday last in place of Senator Ingalls. His election was secured by the votes of the alliance members. Mr. Peffer was a republican presidential elector in 1880, and gave up party politics with that election. Subsequently he accepted the editorship of the *Kansas Farmer*, and has championed the farmer's cause. Democrats everywhere will rejoice at the retirement of Ingalls as he was the most bitter partisan in the senate.

William W. Vilas was elected United States Senator from Wisconsin, Tuesday, over John S. Spooner, (rep.) present member. The vote stood: Senate 16 for Vilas, 14 for Spooner; Assembly 66 for Vilas and 31 for Spooner. Mr. Vilas was Post Master General during the Cleveland administration.

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KING KAIKAUA DEAD.

The King of the Sandwich Islands died in San Francisco last week of consumption.

David Ka la Kua, which Anglicised means the "Day of Battle," was a full-blooded Hawaiian, having been born at the foot of the Punch Bowl Hill, Honolulu, on November 16, 1836. His father was the high chief of Kahamokalaninui and his mother the high chiefess Keohokalohe. He received a thorough education at the royal college and spoke English fluently.

He came to the throne in 1873, after an exciting time in the Legislature and against the will of the majority of his subjects. Lunalilo, who reigned as Kamehameha VI., having died of too free indulgence of whisky, without fixing upon a successor, the Dowager Queen Emma, widow of Kamehameha IV., was chosen by the English residents and the natives, but she did not please the American faction, and David Kalakau was brought forward as a candidate for royal honors.

The fight was a bitter one. The Americans packed the Legislature in February, 1874, and having bought up the votes of the adjoining islands of Maui and Hawaii, Kalakau was elected King by a good majority. The natives, however, did not want him; they surrounded the legislative hall and when the result was announced they stormed the building, beat the members who voted for the new King and would have ended the matter in short order had not Kalakau made himself scarce. The riot lasted several days and was only quelled by the presence of the crews of the English and American ships-of-war laying in the harbor.

At length Kalakau took the oath of office, surrounded by a strong body guard of marines and sailors, and the natives sullenly submitted. But the dead king has never been popular. He was afraid of his subjects and jealous of the popularity of Queen Emma.

For a long time Prince David was a clerk in the Interior Department and also clerk of the Privy Council under the previous kings. He was married on December 19, 1863, to the chiefess Kapiolani, daughter of Chief Keowe and his wife Kaleuinaumamao. The marriage was childless and the dead monarch is succeeded by his elder sister, the Princess Lydia Kamehameha Liliuokalani, who was born on September 2, 1838, and is married to John O. Dominis, a Bostonian, and for many years Governor of Gahu.

The king's income is \$22,500 a year, and \$8,000 voted by the Legislature, and about another \$8,000 from the income of lands attached to the crown. He was always in debt, however, and the Legislature frequently voted him an extra allowance.

Attorney General Hensel is the fifth appointment from Lancaster County to the position which he holds. The others were Walter Franklin, appointed by Governor Snyder; Thomas E. Franklin, his son, appointed by Governor Johnson and later by Governor Pollock; Amos Ellmaker, who also twice held the office, once under Governor Findlay and afterward under Governor Shulze; the other was Benjamin Champneys, appointed by Governor Shunk.

Devastating a Trout Stream

Fishing creek has long been known as one of the best trout streams in the State of Pennsylvania, but unless the State Fishery Commissioners move in the matter, and soon, its days as a trout stream are numbered. The large tannery at Jamison City runs its refuse into the creek, and the countless saw-mills that have sprung into operation during the past couple of years are pouring the death dealing sawdust into this beautiful stream. In fact, it is becoming a huge sewer for all the polluting refuse and waste from the numerous industries that are springing into life along its banks.

Thousands of beautiful trout are daily seen floating dead upon the surface of its waters, and trout, too, that make the heart of the sportsman sad when he looks at them. Great speckled beauties from eight to fifteen inches in length, killed by the foreign matter turned into the creek near the head-waters. Much better allow fishermen to take them by means of hook and line, or in any other manner, at all seasons of the year, than to allow this wholesale destruction of the fish by which no one is benefited, and by which the stream may in time become as Catawissa creek, in which no fish can live on account of the pollution of its waters.

We respectfully call the attention of Fishery Commissioner S. B. Stillwell, of Scranton, to this matter, and trust that he will take some immediate action to save to the people of the State one of the best trout streams within her borders.—*Catawissa News Item*.

The above facts are indisputable. The laws of the state forbid the pollution of streams, and herein all should join in making an effort to prevent this wholesale destruction of the best fish of the streams. The headwaters of the Fishingcreek are stocked year after year with young trout, but the sawdust will kill them off faster than they can be stocked.

Now that the republican party organs cannot control Senator Cameron as they please, they have discovered that he is a bold, bad man. On Tuesday last he voted with the democrats and six other republican senators, in favor of laying aside the Cloture Bill and taking up the Congressional Apportionment Bill. This action postpones and possibly may prevent the passage of the infamous Force Bill, and for this reason Senator Cameron is being denounced by the stalwart organs. The beauty of it is that Cameron can stand it.

The representatives of this county have been put on the following legislative committees.

Tewksbury y.—Compare Bills, Congressional Apportionment, and Public Buildings.

Krickbaum.—Bureau of Statistics, Counties and Townships, Pensions and Gratuities, and Retrenchment and Reform.

The twenty first annual exhibition of the Montour Agricultural Society will be held at Danville, Pa. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 6th 7th 8th and 9th.

Bridging the Susquehanna.

The contractors have finished the work on the new bridge across the Susquehanna river at Harrisburg for the Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburg Railroad, better known as the Harrisburg Terminal of the Philadelphia and Reading system. The rails of the Reading Railroad now touch the Western shores of the Susquehanna, and the work of laying the tracks on the other portion of the road will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

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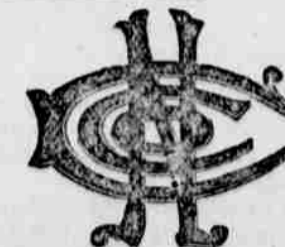
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