

WASHINGTON LETTER. ANDREW JACKSON'S DAY.

THE INCOME TAX—MORE ABOUT HAWAII. (From our regular correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 8, 1894. St. Andrew Jackson's Day finds many democrats of the House in a predicament where they may well ask "where am I at?" The first four days of Congress contained a succession of surprises for the average democrat, in the continued failure to get a quorum of democrats in the House to vote for the resolution reported from the committee on Rules making the Wilson tariff bill a special continuing order until January 15, when a final vote is to be taken thereon. That some democrats were opposed to certain schedules in the bill was, of course, known, but that any considerable number of them would carry their opposition to the extent of declining to attend the session of the House in order to make up a voting quorum of democrats, in order to prevent the bill being taken up, was certainly not believed until the fact was made so plain that it could no longer be doubted.

The names of 57 democratic members of the House have been published as opposing the personal income tax and as none of them have entered a denial it is fair to assume that the list published was correct. This may account for the seeming sudden increase of the democratic opposition to the tariff bill, but the income tax is not yet a part of the tariff bill and indeed may never be, as there is a probability, amounting almost to a certainty, that the Ways and Means committee will report it to the House as a separate and distinct bill to stand or fall on its own merits, instead of offering it as an amendment to the tariff bill.

The democratic caucus while it did not specifically endorse the tariff bill did so indirectly without a division when it adopted Speaker Crisp's resolution, that it was the duty of every democratic member of the House to vote for the resolution from the committee on Rules providing for the consideration of the tariff bill; also to attend the daily sessions in order that pressing public business might be attended to; but the trouble, or at least a portion of it, arises from the fact that only a few more than two thirds of the democratic members of the House attended the caucus and that those who did not attend do not regard the resolution as binding on them. If any democrats were benefited by this cross pulling it would be more excusable, but they are only playing into the hands of the republicans who are openly exulting over the present deplorable condition of affairs.

Steps have been taken—orders issued for the arrest of absentees—which it is believed will result in bringing to Washington this week every democratic member of the House who is well enough to come, and the party leaders are confident that they can get and keep a quorum of democrats until the tariff bill is passed. We shall see.

All of the old Hawaiian straw has been rethatched since the news arrived via Auckland that the ex queen of Hawaii had agreed to the conditions first submitted to her and that Minister Willis had in accordance with his original instructions requested the provisional government to retire in her favor, and that the provisional government had declined to do so. President Cleveland has later dispatches which came from Hawaii by the steamer Corwin, but neither he nor Secretary Gresham has made their nature public. Whether they confirm the Auckland dispatch is not positively known, but from remarks of democratic Congressmen who have seen the President since he received them it is that they do. Either way it would not change the situation at all, as Minister Willis had positive instructions not to use force to bring about the change, a fact of which Minister Thurston, and which of itself made it almost certain that there would be no change, unless the provisional government voluntarily retires.

Attorney General Olney had a little fun the other day with a delegation of republicans from Kansas, headed by Representative Curtis, which called on him in the interest of Colonel Jones who wants to be U. S. Marshall. While he did not say so in so many words the Attorney General left the impression upon his callers' minds that republican influence is not calculated to improve any democrat's chance for getting an appointment under the Department of Justice. The Kansas left in doubt as to whether they had injured the prospects of Colonel Jones and certain that they had not improved them.

Representative Pendleton, of Texas, has introduced a free coinage bill, making the average price of gold and silver for sixty days from November 1, 1894, the legal ratio between the two metals, on and after Jan. 1, 1895. The bill for the repeal of the federal election laws will be taken up in the Senate tomorrow, and it is expected that it will be passed within the next three weeks, the understanding being that the republicans are not to filibuster against it.

If faithfully used, Ayer's Sarsaparilla will remove scrofula in whatever form it exists.

SUITABLE AND CONVENIENT OUTHOUSES.

ACT OF ASSEMBLY. AN ACT to require Boards of School Directors and Controllers to provide for the better protection of the health and morals of school children in their respective school districts.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same: That boards of school directors and controllers shall provide suitable and convenient water closets for each of the schools under their official jurisdiction, not less than two for each school or school building where both sexes are in attendance, in their respective school districts, with separate means of access for each; and unless placed at a remote distance one from the other, the approaches or walks thereto shall be separated by a substantial close fence not less than seven feet in height; and it shall be the duty of the directors or controllers to make provision for keeping the water closets in a clean, comfortable, and healthful condition.

SEC. 2. Any failure on the part of school directors or controllers to comply with the provisions of this act shall make them liable to be removed from office by the court of quarter sessions of the county in which the schools are located, upon complaint made to the court under oath or affirmation of not less than five taxable citizens resident in the school district in which the school is located.

Approved the 6th day of June, A. D. 1893.

ROBY E. PATTERSON.

The best law we know of demanding that outhouses conform to the requirements of propriety and decency is that of the State of New York. It was passed by a unanimous vote of the Legislature at the urgent solicitation of Deputy Supt. Skinner. The Pennsylvania bill was presented in the Senate by Hon. John H. Landis of Lancaster county, and it had done nothing besides during the entire session, this would be more than enough in the way of substantial good to the State.

The subject was presented as part of a very practical article on "School Architecture," read before the Convention of Superintendents held in February, 1891, by County Superintendent Jos. S. Walton, of Chester county. There is probably no better, more conscientious, or more intelligent Superintendent in the State, and what he says upon "Outhouses," reprinted here from his paper, which appears in the April number, 1891, of *The School Journal*, should be pondered by superintendents, teachers and school directors in every part of Pennsylvania. We quote as follows:

"The marked disparity between the average school house and its outhouse accommodations is so striking that if man has planned and cared for the one, surely Satan must have planned and cared for the other. The school system of this great Commonwealth will never merit the praise it receives until this crying evil is removed. The tumble down, wooden, sin-scratched, hell-sodden sheds that stagger and leer at you from the rear of over fifty per cent. of the school houses in this State, make the heart sick when we think of the injured health and blasted morals of the boys and girls therein educated. Churches that hold their revival or other religious meetings, refusing to recognize this evil and to aid in removing it, are building upon false foundations. Christian fathers and mothers who pray for their children and fail to investigate these evils are simply 'beating the air.' The school man who fails to do his duty here fails in the first principles of a proper education; and the instructor who neglects this matter of supreme importance has failed in the first duty of the true teacher. School Directors who neglect to furnish and keep in repair the needed outhouses are responsible for results. They have surely made their little ones 'to offend.'

"The condition of public school outhouses, their structure, location, and equipment, ought to be inspected at intervals by a properly authorized commission or officer, and if not up to the full standard required by decency and the best law upon the subject that can be framed, they should be condemned without mercy. If that condemnation caused the district to forfeit its annual State appropriation, the condition of these houses in the State would be radically improved within a single year. This subject is far more worthy the attention of the Legislature of the State and of the Christian Church than many things that are regarded of much greater importance, and of which much is said and written.

"Separate outhouses, one for the boys and one for the girls, substantially built, pebble-dashed, and sand-painted, under lock and key if approached from the outside, are a necessity. They should be situated somewhat in the rear of the house, and yet within range of the teacher's vision. Hard dry walks leading to these are essential. A fuel-house and cloak-room opening into one of the rear corners of the school room and lead-

ing into well equipped accommodations for the girls can be so arranged as to violate no hygienic requirements, and would certainly be of un-speakable advantage." As if to show the estimate put upon this paper by the Superintendents of the State, it was ordered by a special vote of the Convention that it be published in full in *The Journal*. The law desired by Superintendent Walton and the Convention at large is now upon the statute books. Let it be rigidly enforced.—*School Journal*.

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GENERAL NEWS.

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A fire started in the Casino among the world's Fair buildings on Monday night and destroyed the Casino, the Persistyle and Music Hall. Millions of dollars worth of exhibits are buried in the ruins. The fire is supposed to have been started by tramps in revenge for being turned out of one of the buildings by a guard. One fireman was killed and several injured while fighting the flames.

Many cases of larceny are found all over the state. In Dauphin county arrests have been made for stealing a cane, stealing coal, brass and poultry. The guilty parties will serve several months in the jails. If any one is in need they should make their wants known and not attempt to take that which belongs to another.

P. S. Blackwell, (colored) editor of the *Steelton Press* has announced himself as a candidate for the legislature. The announcement has caused quite a commotion among the republicans, since Blackwell has a large following of friends in Dauphin county.

The anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln, which occurs on February 12, will be celebrated by the Young Men's Republican Club of Williamsport, with a banquet at hotel Updegraff. Invitations have been accepted by a number of the state officers.

The prohibitionists have named Henry F. Morrow of Delaware, to be a candidate for congress-at-large. The convention was held in Association Hall, Harrisburg, Tuesday, January 9th.

Another rich gold strike is reported in the Black mountain north of El Paso. The strike was made in the Mormon ledge at the 200 foot level where the vein suddenly widened to five feet of solid ore which is yellow with gold. The whole camp went wild over it, as it proves beyond question that the district is permanent and that the veins enlarge and carry more gold the deeper they go. El Paso has the gold craze, and many are leaving for the gold fields.

Judge Doty has decided at Greensburg that the theatrical companies must pay to the treasurer of the county a license of \$50 before a performance can be given therein, unless a state license of \$1,000 is first paid. The law applies to all counties in the state except Allegheny and Philadelphia.



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