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An echo proposed to a girl in the "whispering chamber" of the capitol at Washington the other day, and she forwarded a reply that opened an avenue of lifelong bliss before the delighted vision of a bashful swain.

Another interesting wrestling match, in which cowboys figured, took place near Globe, Ariz. There were three cowboys and a mountain lion, or big wildcat, in it.

The New York Sun reports that some thieves broke into a man's house on the eve of Christmas, drank his whisky, carried off his cigars and his best clothes, and left this message: "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We regret this sincerely, but necessity compels us to leave our old clothes. You understand that it would not be safe to carry a bundle.

At the Indian reservation near Covalo, Cal., the other day an infuriated bull broke out of the corral and started through the grounds. Several expert cowboys tried to lasso him, but could not do so, and a cowboy known as "Chub" Baker was thrown from his horse and seriously hurt.

An elephant was made to climb four flights of marble stairs leading to the women's reception room in the Chicago Athletic clubhouse the other night. He took three steps at a time. The elephant, whose name was Barney, took part in an amateur circus given by members of the club, and there were four young lions in it.

Christmas day was the birthday of four members of the family of Rev. A. E. Ballard, of Ocean Grove, N. J. Mr. Ballard was 80 on that day; his sister, Mrs. Elmira Canfield, was 82; another sister, Mrs. Margaret Stainsby, was 72, and Mr. Ballard's grandchild, Anna S. Ballard, was 12.

A horse, fresh from the country, which was being led up Broad street in Newark, N. J., saw a trolley car, probably for the first time in his life, and, falling back on his haunches and trembling violently, toppled over and died. According to a veterinary surgeon he was killed by fright.

A number of Reading (Pa.) capitalists have bought a tract of land near that city, on which they expect to raise silver foxes, opossums, raccoons, jack rabbits, minks, weasels, skunks, wolf dogs, beagle hounds, pointer and setter dogs, and other animals for their fur or skins.

NOTES FROM WASHINGTON

Progress of the Various Measures Now Being Considered by Congress.

THE ANTI-SHIPPING BILL ALLIANCE.

Fierce Rate War on Ocean Freight In Prospect If Shipping Bill Is Passed Which Will Increase the Receipts of Farmers—The Foreign Lobby.

[Special Correspondence.] As I write, congress is about to resume the session, after the holiday recess. In the house the work is so well advanced that members are able to take things comparatively easy, but in the senate public business is far in the lag, and it would seem, if some of the rumors current are true, that little will be accomplished in "the greatest deliberative body in the world" beyond the necessary passage of the great appropriation bills.

In the senate the only important measure disposed of is the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and even this is not a finality, because the concurrence of Great Britain—by no means assured—is essential to its adoption. All the other great measures, such as the war revenue reduction bill, the army reorganization bill, the Nicaragua canal bill and the shipping bill, yet remain to be acted upon—these apart from the annual appropriation bills and the myriad of other bills of lesser importance.

Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, has lifted himself again into the public eye. He is quoted in the columns of the New York Herald as saying that he has perfected an alliance with Senators Allen, of Nebraska, and Butler, of North Carolina, to talk the shipping bill to death, in order to either prevent its passage, or prevent the passage of sufficient other important legislation to compel the president to convene congress in extraordinary session immediately upon the close of the present session.

Senator Pettigrew, without a shadow of foundation, alleges that Senator Hanna has promised that the shipping bill will be passed, in order to repay certain contributors to the republican campaign fund during the last campaign, who are interested in the bill in question. Senator Pettigrew conceals his own story, wholly out of his imagination, then declares it to be true, and proceeds to act upon that theory.

The reason that this foreign shipping lobby is so active is because their principals well know that the passage of the shipping bill means a long-drawn-out war of ocean freight rates, in which the reduction that the fierce competition will compel will wipe out profits for a long time to come, and they greatly fear, give American ships an impetus that will equip them to eventually wrest the larger part of the carrying of American imports and exports from the foreign ships now monopolizing it.

Such a reduction in freight rates would enormously increase the sum the farmers of the country would receive for their entire products. The price paid for our great wheat staple, for instance, is the Liverpool price, less the cost of transportation to Liverpool. The price thus paid governs not alone in the quantity exported, but also in the entire quantity consumed at home. If, therefore, the war of ocean freight rates predicted by Senator Frye should be precipitated by the passage of the shipping bill, and a saving to the farmers of only five cents a bushel on wheat should follow, in this one item alone our farmers would receive about \$3,000,000 more than they will receive otherwise—based on a total crop of 600,000,000 bushels.

But this is only one item. Take our cotton production, averaging, say, 10,000,000 bales per year, worth, the present year, about \$50 per bale, or a half a billion dollars for the total crop in the United States. Nearly three-quarters of our entire cotton is exported in its raw state, and the

ocean freight bill is enormous, approximating close to \$25,500,000. A reduction here in the cost of transportation on the ocean alone would effect a saving to our southern cotton growers of over \$6,000,000, and there would be a saving of \$2,000,000 more on the portion retained for home consumption.

According to the totals on these two products of wheat and cotton alone, I have pointed out a net saving to our farmers of \$11,000,000, and this sum represents not much more than one-fifth of the total saving that would be effected if such a reduction in ocean freight rates should occur as Senator Frye predicted. For anyone to say that the farmers of the country are not affected by this bill, and are not interested in it, is to fly in the face of the most vital facts. And this explains, as I said in the beginning, why the wealthy, powerful foreign lobby is so determined to work here to defeat the bill.

These facts and these figures explain why it is so easy for the necessary influences to be brought to bear upon certain men in congress, at times, and especially men whose reputations have completely vanished, and who are about to drop into well-merited oblivion through their repudiation by their own constituents, to prevent legislation helpful to American interests, and to favor, at American expense, foreign interests. It is nothing short of a national scandal, to say nothing of the enormous losses in dollars and cents and in the perpetuation of our weakness upon the seas, for senatorial courtesy—so-called—to stretch so far as to enable a few end of a minority to defiantly proclaim its determined purpose to hold up the entire legislation of the nation, if need be, to defeat a measure of the most vital consequences to every American citizen.

REPUBLICANS WILL RULE. The Democracy of the Northern and Western States Make a Pitiful Showing.

It is figured that the republicans will have a majority in the next senate which will be almost two-thirds of that chamber. This is more of a preponderance than the republicans looked for, and more than many of them desire. It is just what might have been expected, however, from the votes and lunacies of the democrats in the past few years.

Not since the middle of Grant's service as president has there been such an extirpation of the democracy in the senate as has taken place in the past few years. After the withdrawal of the 11 states which constituted the confederacy the republicans had a two-thirds majority in the senate for years, and part of the time they had a three-fourths vote. But abnormal conditions prevailed at that time.

In the present situation all the states are represented. There is a democratic party in the entire 45 states, but in most of them it has become so weak that it has not the slightest influence in the elections, or even in determining the sort of candidates which the republicans put up. The republican ascendancy is so great in the larger part of the country that the party never takes the democracy into the account. There is scarcely a democrat in the senate from any of the great tier of states of the north and west.

Outside of the states in which slavery existed in 1860 the democratic party has no standing, and in some of those states, like Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia, the republicans are far in the lead. Nor is this the worst that can be said for the democracy in this connection. Not only are the democrats in the present day reduced to the low estate in the senate in point of membership which they had in 1861-73, but they lack the leaders—the Bayards, Hendrickses, Saulsburies, Thurmans, Johnsons, Davises, Bucklews and others—who gave the democrats a dignity and a strength which went far toward compensating them for their comparative diminutiveness in numbers. At the present time the democrats in the senate are as feeble in character as they are in number. They are not strong enough to form that powerful opposition which is necessary in a popular government even for the well-being of the dominant party. Never before since the democracy was founded by Jefferson a little over a century ago has that party been as feeble and as contemptible in the northern and western states as it is at this moment.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

It is said that subscriptions to Mr. Bryan's new paper are "pouring in." Mr. Bryan is one of the few men in our history who has made money by running for public office. He has really had no other lucrative occupation. So it may be that the notoriety that he has won in two unsuccessful campaigns will prove a valuable asset for him in his new venture.—Indianapolis News (Ind.).

A FITTING REBUKE.

Administered by a Heroic Messenger Boy to a Cowardly and Stingy Man.

There was a trifling fire in a west side street the other day which caused a good deal of excitement and incidentally gave a fat man a lesson in courtesy. The fire started in the apartments where the man and his mother lived. The man started about the time the fire did and got down four flights of stairs to the street before his mother knew what was up.

Meanwhile the fat man stood in the street yelling: "Save my mother! Save my mother!" A messenger boy who was passing stopped, saw the smoke, ran up the stairs, aroused the woman and brought her out in safety. The neighbors cheered and the fat man looked uncomfortable. "Here, boy," he whispered. "Here's a quarter for you."

The boy's face expressed his disgust. "Aw, save it," he said, "and buy yourself some nerve food."

The crowd laughed, the fat man blushed and the boy went whistling down the street. He didn't know that he had been a hero, and the fat man felt himself a coward.

Sherlock Holmes. "What will you gimme on this?" asked the musician. The pawnbroker took the battered tuba, fingered the keys, noticed the wire netting across the big end and asked: "Say, does a feller have much fun travelin' with them one-night burlesque companies?"—Indianapolis Press.

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