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The Latest Swallow.

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When people have a good thing it is natural for them to make all they can out of it, and those who are at their mercy cannot be too watchful to prevent themselves from being imposed upon. The new gas company was encouraged because the old company was extortionate, selfish and imposed upon the public powerless to protect themselves.

THE Democrats, under the leadership of Mr. Wood and Mr. Randall, are hammering away at the funding bill, and we can see what the Republicans as a party can hope to gain by opposing a lower rate of national interest, when, as Mr. Randall shows, the debt can be funded at this reduced rate.

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FOR SENATOR.

Many are called, but Only One to be Chosen. In the Senate at Harrisburg yesterday the following nominations were made for United States senators by Mr. Cooper, William Ward, Delaware; by Mr. Jones, A. Loudon Snowden, of Philadelphia; by Mr. Davis, Galusha A. Grew, of Susquehanna; by Mr. McNeill, H. W. Oliver, jr., of Allegheny; by Mr. Green, J. M. Thompson, of Butler; by Mr. Boggs, D. J. Morrill, of Cambria; by Mr. Lawrence, George Shiras, of Allegheny; by Mr. Smiley, W. A. Spangler, of Perry; by Mr. Kauffman, Daniel Agnew, of Beaver; by Mr. Thompson, R. Russell Thayer, of Philadelphia; by Mr. Smith, Matthew Stanley Quay, of Philadelphia; by Mr. Mylin, W. B. Roberts, of Crawford; by Mr. Lee, C. W. Stone, of Warfordsburg; by Mr. Alexander, W. A. Wallace, of Clearfield.

In the House the following nominations were made: By Mr. Ruddiman, Benjamin Harris Brewster; by Mr. Kneass, A. Loudon Snowden; by Mr. Landis, Galusha A. Grew; by Mr. Faunce, William A. Wallace; by Mr. L. M. Lewis, J. M. Rhoads, Samuel Hepburn, jr.; by Mr. Voeght, H. W. Oliver, jr.; by Mr. Garrett, William Ward; by Mr. Hill, Harry White; by Mr. Woodward, W. H. Johnston; by Mr. Colburn, W. H. Kunkler; by Mr. Holman, A. S. Spangler; by Mr. Hazlet, Edwin N. Benson; by Mr. Morrison, T. M. Bayne; by Mr. Myers, Calvin W. Gillilan; by Mr. Knowland, George Shiras; by Mr. Loring, S. Charles R. Backus; by Mr. Keiser, J. M. Patrick; by Mr. Port, James A. Beaver; by Mr. Finn, J. K. Moorhead; by Mr. Billingsley, Geo. V. Lawrence; by Mr. Mages, Thomas W. Phillips; by Mr. Benoit, Charles W. Stone; by Mr. Bierly, Charles R. Backus; by Mr. S. S. Reel; by Mr. Hoyer, J. P. Hartranft; by Mr. Baldwin, C. H. Long; by Mr. Roberts, C. S. Wolfe; by Mr. Peck, H. H. Bingham; by Mr. Marshall, E. J. Cowan; by Mr. Town, W. D. Kelley; by Mr. Brahm, John M. Thompson; by Mr. Weise, John Gibson; by Mr. Yarger, Charles O'Neill; by Mr. Davis, W. B. Roberts; by Mr. Morrison, W. W. Weaver; by Mr. Snyder, J. M. North; by Mr. Silverthorn, Glenn W. Scofield; by Mr. Deveney, J. S. Black; by Mr. Walker, R. S. Frazer; by Mr. Amerman, John Handley; by Mr. Wolfe, J. M. MacVeagh; by Mr. Pomeroy, John Stewart.

Except the saying of a few words complimentary of Samuel Hepburn, jr., by Mr. Rhodes and the reading of a long speech, citing Mr. Grew's achievements and qualifications, by Mr. S. S. Reel, there were no attempts at oratory in making the nominations.

KILLED BY A THREE-YEAR OLD BOY

Heating a Poker and Pushing it Down the Throat of an Infant.

Charles Shannon, the old negro, died at 825 North Fifteenth street, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, of burns made by a poker by Sewell Jackson, 3 years old, also colored. The house is tenanted by William Jackson, his wife and two children, and Magdalene, a colored woman, mother of the dead babe.

The two women do laundry work. In the evening the mother of the babe said: "My baby was upstairs in bed on Tuesday. The two Jackson children were also there. I was down stairs washing clothes along with Mrs. Jackson. I had been there only ten minutes when I heard my baby cry as though in great pain. I ran up stairs, and saw that the ashes had been raked from the stove, and the poker was lying there. I looked at my baby and saw that it had marks of burns from the eye to the mouth and all around the lips. I opened its mouth and saw it was all burnt and raw inside. I asked Sewell how it happened, and he said he did it with the poker. I then picked the baby up and ran to the drug store and there found a doctor, who examined the baby and said that the poker had been heated and pushed down its throat. My poor baby died in about ten minutes, and the majority of the Republicans in the negative.

The second branch of Mr. Wood's amendment, fixing the rate of interest on the notes at three per cent, was also agreed to. Mr. Samford offered an amendment providing that before any of the bonds or notes authorized by this act are issued it shall be the duty of the secretary of the treasury to ascertain whether or not there are 1881 all the silver dollars of 412 grains, and all the gold dollars and above \$500,000, now held in the treasury for redemption purposes. Adopted—83 to 25, Republicans refusing to vote, desiring to so load the issue with amendments as to render them unworkable.

Mr. Randall offered an amendment, making the substantial part of the section read as follows: "The secretary of the treasury shall be authorized to issue bonds in amount not exceeding \$650,000,000, which shall bear interest at a rate of three per cent. per annum, redeemable at the pleasure of the United States within years. The bonds shall be."

The House then adjourned in order to give members an opportunity to carefully examine this amendment.

A TEN-CENT DINNER.

What a Philanthropic English-Woman is Doing.

Mrs. Amelia Lewis is a philanthropic English woman, who is spending her time and energy to an attempt to convince the merchants of New York, first, that their female employees need warm and nutritious food during the middle of the day, and second, that by an improved system of cooking, such food can be prepared at a very small expense. It is not so much the long hours of standing up behind the dry goods counter, Mrs. Lewis says that impair the vitality of young women as the constant taking of cold for the ten or twelve hours a day that they are obliged to stand up behind the counter. It is in the middle of the day the girls could have a warm meal, instead of the cold lunch which they now have, their health would be better, they would work better and their employers, as well as themselves, would be benefited by the change. Mrs. Lewis is endeavoring to induce the proprietors of large houses to establish a dining-room in their shops where they can secure warm meals during the day, and she claims that a good, healthy, substantial meal ought to be furnished to a large body of men or women at from 6 to 8 cents a head. To exemplify her idea, she gave a ten-cent dinner to three young women from the Grand street establishment of Lord & Taylor. The guests were invited to Mrs. Lewis's office, at No. 704 Broadway, and being conducted to the kitchen, were shown their dinner, from soup to pudding, all cooking on one small stove not more than two feet square. At 7 o'clock they sat down to a long table covered with snow-white cloth and laid with the necessary plates, knives and forks. A very pretty young woman acted as volunteer waitress, and the ten-cent dinner was served with promptness and dispatch. The first course was rice soup, of which a large plate, swimming in vegetables, was given to each guest, in quantity and quality the soup was not inferior to that served in an ordinary restaurant for the price of an entire dinner. Next came stewed beefsteak with potatoes and turnips. These dishes were followed with as fine as English plum pudding as one could wish to eat. There was more than enough for everybody and the guests all expressed themselves as delighted with the meal. Mrs. Lewis assured them that the entire bill was not more than \$8 or \$9 or than 10 cents a head. Of course it could not be furnished in a restaurant for that price, but any proprietor of a large store could do it, probably, for 8

THE FUNDING BILL.

The Democrats Forward Through a Resolution to Amend the Funding Bill.

In the House yesterday, discussing the proposed three per cent. loan, Mr. F. Wood said that for himself he saw nothing inconsistent in the establishment of a three per cent. rate of interest on the bonds, and that with the removal of the tax on bank deposits, and the establishment of a rate of three per cent, the question of rate of interest would be settled. He believed that with the removal of the tax on bank deposits, and the establishment of a rate of three per cent, the question of rate of interest would be settled. He believed that with the removal of the tax on bank deposits, and the establishment of a rate of three per cent, the question of rate of interest would be settled.

Mr. Randall advocated with confirmed judgment a three per cent. bond. If the House accepted that rate he would be allowed to reply to Mr. Randall.

The time limited for debate here expired and Mr. Frye asked that he should be allowed to reply to Mr. Randall.

The committee, on motion of Mr. Randall, rose, and the time for debate having been extended one hour, immediately reconvened.

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THE TELEGRAPH WAR.

To be Ended by a Consolidation of the Three Great Companies.

In regard to pending negotiations for the consolidation of the Western Union American Union and Atlantic and Pacific telegraph companies, Dr. Green, president of the Western Union, said to a reporter: "It is a fact that a consolidation has been proposed by the leading managers of the three companies, but the details of the matter will not be settled before Wednesday next, when another meeting of the parties interested will be held."

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