

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

The Senate. 85TH DAY.—All the amendments to the tariff bill agreed upon by the Democratic members of the Finance Committee were reported.

The House. 119TH DAY.—The Government Printing Office bill was considered.—The New York and New Jersey bridge bill was passed.

CROP REPORT.

The Condition of Winter Wheat, Barley and Other Products. The May report of the statisticians of the Department of Agriculture places the condition of winter wheat at 81.4, as against 86.7 the previous month, being a falling off of 5.3 points.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

GRONZO GONDI is a telegraph operator. The King of Italy only once a meal a day. The Duke of Edinburgh can speak seven modern languages.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR MAY 20. Lesson Text: "The Childhood of Moses," Exodus II, 1-10—Golden Text: Psalm xcii, 15—Commentary.

"And there went a man of the house of Levi and took to wife a daughter of Levi." We learn from chapter vi, 20, that the man's name was Amram, which signifies an exalted people and that his wife was named Jochebed, which signifies Jehovah is honor.

The Crown Prince of Bulgaria, aged four weeks, is already Honorary Colonel of two regiments. The Prince of Wales is the owner of one of the worst slum districts in London, and refuses to purify it.

MANUEL GARCIA, member of the first opera company heard in New York, is living in London, where he still gives singing lessons. He is eighty-nine years old.

FRANK HATTON is the fifth cabinet officer appointed by President Arthur to pass over to the majority. Frothingham, Folger, Timothy O. Howe and Benjamin H. Brewster were the others.

WILLIAM STEINER, the chess champion, is in New York under medical treatment for insomnia. He is a native of Prussia and is now only twenty-six years old. He began playing chess when he was twelve years of age.

SAVED FROM DEATH.

Deliverance of Tourists Trapped in a Cave. A diver at 10.30 o'clock a. m. succeeded in reaching the party of tourists who had been imprisoned in the stalactite cavern at Soralach, Austria, for seven days and nights owing to a sudden rise in the water and the fact that the passage into the cave became blocked with timber and boulders.

No Silent Process. The United States Treasury Department, in its perplexity over the oncoming border duties, has made a new ruling, which seems likely to lead to trouble. It has decreed that no one shall be recognized as a "merchant," but such as are doing business under their own name.

Peanut Food Not Relished. Consul-General Edwards, of Berlin, reports that the officials of the German army and navy, after exhaustive experiments, have decided against the use of peanut oil as food for the troops and sailors or as horse food. During the experiments no immediate health-injuring symptoms were noticed.

Abandoning Shad Fishing. Shad fishing has been practically abandoned on the Connecticut River, because of the use of poison along the north shore of Long Island Sound. Almost the same is true of the Housatonic River, in whose waters 450,000 shad were taken in 1870.

A Grain and Trade Congress. The first South and West Grain and Trade Congress was held at Wichita, Kan., a few weeks ago. The resolutions adopted urge Congress to establish fast mail service between the West and East.

Capturing More of Holland. The royal commission, presided over by Mylner C. Lay, the Minister of Waterways and Commerce, has decided, almost unanimously, in favor of the project to reclaim 500,000 acres of the Zuider Zee.

A Huge Corporation. The Standard Oil Company, of New York, is said to hold assets to the amount of \$20,160,000.

EMPLOYEES OF UNCLE SAM.

SOMETHING ABOUT GOVERNMENT CLERKS AT WASHINGTON. Nearly One-Third Are Related to One Another—Hours of Labor and Salaries Paid.

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The office hours are from 9 until 4. No one comes to the department before 9, and from that time until 12 you are supposed to put in three hours of clerical labor.

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Soiled matting may be cleaned with a damp cloth, and where there are colors it is well to put a little salt into the water in which you dip the cloth.

Sumner time, with its bare floors and colorless matting, is when rage are most needed. Here, then, is a hint which some women may be able to use.

You will receive some handsome, thick rugs, which those who do not know the secret will think closely allied to Turkish. The effect, where the original carpet was of a bright color, is really charming.

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Brook Biscuit—One cupful of well mashed potato, one cupful of melted butter or lard, one cupful of yeast, one egg (beaten light), and one and a half pints of flour.

Apple Water—Bake two large, tart apples until tender, sprinkle a table-spoonful of sugar over them, return them to the oven and cook until the sugar is slightly brown.

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

RATS IN A CELLAR. Cellars should be built always with regard to safety from vermin. Once these get a foothold in the walls or under the floor it is almost impossible to dislodge them.

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BROTHERS COMMIT SUICIDE.

One Hangs Himself to a Beam and the Other Cuts His Throat.

Frank and Ezra May, brothers, aged sixty and sixty-two, farmers living at North Woodstock, Conn., near the English settlement, were found by their hired man in the farm barn, one hanging by the neck to a beam and the other lying on the floor with his throat cut.

THE MARKETS. Late Wholesale Prices of Country Produce Quoted in New York.

Increased supplies caused a generally slow market during the past week. Surplus milk sold throughout, or since May 1, at \$1.17 per can of 40 quarts, when the exchange price was reduced to 2c. per quart.

BAKED AND FRESH. Beans—Marrow, 1893, choice, @ 2.50. Medium, 1893, choice, @ 1.80. Peas, 1893, choice, @ 2.00.

FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH. Apples—Russet, @ 4.50 @ 6.00. Baldwin, @ 4.50 @ 5.00. Strawberries, @ 8 @ 20.

LIVE POULTRY. Fowls, @ 10 @ 11. Chickens, @ 6 @ 6.50. Ducks, @ 7 @ 9.

DRESSED POULTRY. Turkeys, @ 7 @ 11. Chickens, Phila. broilers, @ 25 @ 35. Western, @ 15 @ 25.

GRAIN, ETC. Flour—Winter Patents, @ 3.25 @ 3.50. Spring Patents, @ 3.75 @ 3.90. Wheat, No. 2 Red, @ 1.00 @ 1.10.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

FRENCH, Col., is to have a bicycle messenger service. COAL has advanced in Chicago from \$2.75 to \$4 per ton.

DANES and RUSSIANS are starving in Eastern Colorado. It is estimated that about 3200 lives were lost in the Brazilian rebellion.

JAPAN is to have an exposition in 1896 at Hyogo, the old capital of the empire. THERE is a ministerial and financial crisis in Argentina, and business is paralyzed.

WILLIAM MITCHELL, of Chicago, tried to shoot himself because he could attain no higher rank than corporal in the Cossack army. MOB SATTOLLI has ordered that the English language shall be used exclusively in all the Roman Catholic churches in America.

THE American straw hat is now in great demand in England, the London made article being, like most English manufactures, heavy and ugly.

A CERT of wind blew open the door of an Ila (Texas) house and rafted a girl five years old into a kettle of boiling water. She was fatally scalded.

LYNCHED FATHER AND SON.

They Had Incited a Younger Son to Murder a Son-in-Law.

One of the most determined mobs that ever congregated in Kansas lynched, at Sharon Springs, William McKinley and his son, Lewis, for the murder of Charles Carley Carley was the son-in-law of William McKinley. Investigation revealed the fact that Fred, a seventeen-year-old son of William McKinley, committed the crime.

THE motive for the murder seems to have been revenge. The murdered man had only a few weeks before married McKinley's daughter. It had been stipulated before the marriage that the bridegroom was to pay the bride's father \$300 for the privilege of marrying her.