

THE WASHINGTON NEWS

WHAT OUR NATIONAL LAW MAKERS ARE CONSIDERING.

Some of the More Important Work of the National Congress—Bills that the Committees Report Favorably Upon—Washington Topics.

The President has sent to the Senate the nominations of Frank L. Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior; J. H. Hollander, of Maryland, to be Treasurer of Porto Rico, and John R. Garrison, of the District of Columbia, to be Auditor of Porto Rico.

The conferees on the Hawaiian Government bill have agreed to that feature of the House bill requiring that the governor, judges, etc., shall be citizens of Hawaii.

In the House, upon request of Mr. Hepburn, unanimous consent has been given to set aside May 1 and 2 for the consideration of the Nicaragua Canal bill.

Admiral Dewey and Rear Admiral Hichborn are in favor of the proposal to purchase a number of submarine torpedo boats of the Holland type.

The transport Sheridan is to be repaired at San Francisco at a cost of about \$150,000. Among the improvements will be a new main deck and an enlarged refrigerating plant.

By direction of the President, the military post near Bismarck, North Dakota, will hereafter be known as Fort Lincoln.

A Washington despatch says that the Isthmian Canal Commissioners have concluded that, with all possible expedition, they cannot complete their report upon their examinations of the various Isthmian routes for a canal before next December.

General Bates, Chairman of the special Army Board appointed to inspect the hospital ship Missouri at San Francisco, has made a report endorsing the recent recommendation of Surgeon General Sternberg that the vessel be discontinued as a hospital ship, and turned over to the Quartermaster's Department for use as a general transport.

Senator Gallinger has introduced a bill granting a pension of \$50 a month to General Longstreet. The bill gives the General's services as that of Major in the Eighth United States Infantry during the Mexican War and makes no reference to his connection with the Confederacy.

Representative Levy, of New York, has introduced a bill to repeal the War Revenue act.

The Senate looks forward to an increase of the proportion of youthful members of that body. The election of Representative Bailey as Senator from Texas, which is now assured by his success in the preliminary elections, adds another to the youthful contingent.

The War Department has been advised of the arrival of the animal transport Lenox at Manila and the animal transport Port Stephens at Hilo. The Lenox carried 457 horses and mules, and lost but one of the number on the voyage. The Port Stephens had no losses.

Special Treasury Agent George W. Whitehead is under orders to go to Porto Rico to arrange for the transfer of the collection of the customs from the War to the Treasury Department.

In the Senate April 17 Mr. Hoar delivered an impassioned address against the retention of the Philippines.

The House and Senate conferees have agreed on the Hawaiian Government bill in form substantially as passed by the House.

A number of drug men appeared before the Ways and Means Committee of the House April 17 to urge the repeal of the Stamp tax.

MRS. DEWEY'S CONVERSION.

Statement of Father Burke on Her Religious Faith.

The priest who gave Mrs. Hazen, now Mrs. Dewey, her first communion when she was received into the Roman Catholic Church is the Rev. Richard Burke, at present pastor of St. Columbus's Church, Buffalo. He said yesterday that Archbishop Keane was credited with her conversion, but it had fallen to him to administer the sacrament of the holy eucharist.

Father Burke spent seven years in Washington and has served in two campaigns as chaplain in the English Army under Lord Roberts.

"I am afraid Mrs. Dewey was not well grounded in the faith," said Father Burke. "It has been reported to me that she ceased attending the Church nearly two years ago, in fact shortly after Dewey's victory at Manila. As I understand it, Commodore Dewey was engaged to Mrs. Hazen when he went to the Philippines. Mrs. Dewey realized that such a national hero might aspire to the Presidency. To a woman of such ambition the thought probably came before it occurred to Dewey himself. About that time Mrs. Hazen began to be remiss in her church attendance.

"Mrs. Leland Stanford and the wife of ex-Gov. Campbell, of Ohio, have told me they would have joined the Church only they feared the effect on the political careers of their husbands."

The Cuban Census.

The municipal elections in Cuba have been fixed for June 16. The census of the island shows that the population is 1,572,767, of whom 29,478 are Spanish, 1,296,367 Cuban and 175,811 in suspense. Of the total, 443,426 can read and write, and there will be at least 140,000 qualified native Cuban voters under the proposed basis of suffrage. Negroes contributed only 32 per cent. of the population.

IN THE NICK OF TIME.

How a Man Came Near Marrying His Own Daughter.

Adam Cordiff, a man of forty-five, who worked as a farm hand three miles from Hopedale, Harrison County, Ohio, discovered on the evening before the day set for his wedding that he was about to marry his own daughter.

Cordiff is modest and retiring, and told his amazing story only after long coaxing.

"My parnts died before I was ten years of age. I made my way on foot to New Jersey, where I found work with an extensive peach grower named Cole. I remained with Cole several years and fell in love with his daughter and married her. When my employer found it out I was turned adrift.

"I met my wife in secret, and we held a long conversation about our predicament. Finally we decided, in order to avoid more trouble, it would be best for me to leave. I was to seek a home elsewhere and then send for her. She promised to write to me.

"I came to Ohio, wrote to her at frequent intervals, but never received a reply. At the end of a year I learned through friends that my father-in-law had committed suicide, and soon afterward came news that my wife had died broken-hearted, my letters having been intercepted, leaving a baby daughter. The child had been taken by a distant relative of the Coles, a kindly disposed Baltimore lady.

"Heart-sore and discouraged, I came back to Ohio, where I have since lived, most of the time in Jefferson County. Not long ago I received a copy of a matrimonial paper published in Boston, which contained the description of a young lady living in West Virginia, who wished to correspond. I wrote a letter and forwarded it through the publisher. In an short time I received a reply from Charleston, W. Va.

"I went to the girl's house. She was living with foster parents. I was greatly pleased with her and she with me. I visited her several times and we became engaged. On the day before the date set for our marriage we were looking over a photograph album, and I came upon a picture that took my breath away. It was of my wife. 'Who is that?' I asked. She said it was her mother, who had died when she was born. There is no need of telling more. It was hours before I could tell her that I was her father. She is still living with her adopted parents."

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

A Great Gathering of Religious People in New York.

The Ecumenical Council of Missionaries, which assembled in New York on Saturday, is a gathering of the highest dignity and importance. President McKinley recognized its international character and the value of the work done by those whom it represents by welcoming the delegates on behalf of the nation. The Council is one for conference only; it can pass no laws nor bind any one to a particular line of action; but it is hoped that as a result of an interchange of views, mission work may be consolidated and extended, so that it may be made to yield greater results than heretofore. Missions, and especially foreign missions, are sometimes ridiculed because the results in conversions that can be traced to any individual effort are so small, and yet their great value in advancing civilization and morality, as well as Christianity is easily recognized by those who take the broad view.

Every Protestant evangelical denomination is represented by many of its leading clergymen and laymen. Moreover, every country and distant mission field was represented, and the gathering is one of the most notable and important religious conferences ever held in this city. There are 1656 general delegates present and 750 missionaries. The missionary societies represented number 104, which spend \$15,000,000 a year in foreign missions. Such a congress is bound to command the attention of the entire Christian world.

Ex-President Harrison and President McKinley each made eloquent addresses on Saturday as did Gov. Roosevelt.

DEATH RECORD.

Frederick B. Whitney, for years business manager of the Boston Transcript, aged 59 years.

R. B. Drury, founder of the Kansas City Times, aged 57 years.

Jennie O'Neill Potter, once famous as an elocutionist. She was twenty-eight years old, and death is said to have been hastened by an over-indulgence in stimulants and drugs, although she suffered from cancer.

George R. Angell, president of the City Savings Bank, of Detroit, and of the Michigan Bankers' Association.

William M. Thrasher, head of the Department of Mathematics at the Northwestern Christian University. Salvatore Potia, one of the best-known civil and mechanical engineers in the United States.

Nine Railways to Spend \$60,000,000. It is estimated that \$60,000,000 will be spent this year by the following railways: Baltimore and Ohio, \$25,000,000; Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, \$8,000,000; Monon, \$10,000,000; Chicago and Alton, \$2,000,000; Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, \$2,000,000; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, \$3,000,000; Illinois Central, \$3,000,000; Chicago and Eastern Illinois, \$3,500,000; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, \$6,000,000.

A GIRL IN THE LOBBY.

She Argues So Successfully That She Gets Back Her Job.

A new and unique vocation has been opened for women by a plucky Cleveland girl, Miss Bessie Hayes, a pretty stenographer, successfully lobbied a bill through the Ohio Legislature, providing a position for herself. She went quietly to Columbus, took the Legislature by storm and succeeded in having her bill passed far in advance of measures of State importance.

Miss Hayes is the only support of her widowed mother. For more than a year she had been employed by the County Prosecutor as a stenographer, but the Common Pleas Judges found a flaw in the bill, and her salary was cut off.

The day the announcement was made that her salary could not be legally paid she drew up a bill, and the next day was in Columbus buttonholing the delegation from Cuyahoga County. Representative Breck, a country member, was her hardest customer. She labored with him from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 10 o'clock in the evening, and finally got his pledge, not only to vote for the bill, but also to introduce it.

The next day, one of the last of the session, Miss Hayes's bill went through unanimously, while salaried lobbyists looked on with amazement. The bill provided that the County Prosecutor can appoint a stenographer, and Bessie Hayes will secure the position.

GOLD IN A BARREL.

Heirs Found It After a Woman's Death.

For several years a barrel containing \$40,000, nearly all in gold, was hidden in the cellar of the home of Mrs. Ella W. Quinn, of North Philadelphia. After her death, two days ago, the fortune-laden barrel was discovered.

Mrs. Quinn's estate, valued at \$500,000, was divided between her heirs. Six-year-old John Quinn, of Trenton, inherited \$60,000. For two years previous to her death Mrs. Quinn hinted at a hidden fortune. "If all the rest is swept away, I'll still have enough to keep me," she said.

This led to a thorough search of the house. In one corner of the cellar, amid old hoops and refuse, was found the barrel. It was broken open, and the gold coins in denominations ranging from \$1 to \$50 rolled in a heap upon the cellar floor. Some paper money of large denomination was packed in the bottom. The gold was packed tightly between layers of cotton. The barrel was lined with asbestos. For how many years the barrel remained in the cellar is a mystery.

AFTER 25 YEARS.

How a Husband and Wife Were Again United.

At Madison, Ohio, April 23, there took place a romantic marriage. N. B. Lathrop, a veteran of the Civil War, married a handsome brunette in Vermont soon after the war. He had become addicted to drink in the army, and a few years later went away to hunt for work, and did not return for years. He was supposed to be dead. Later he reformed and returned. In vain he searched for his wife, Emily. Believing she was dead he married again. His second wife died recently. Emily all these years cherished a hope of again meeting her husband. Recently she learned, by writing to the Government Pension Department that a man named N. B. Lathrop resided in Vernon county, Wis. She wrote him, and he came on at once. Rev. C. Kessler, of Painesville, pronounced them again man and wife, and they left on an afternoon train for Wisconsin, where Lathrop has a home.

The Grand Jury at Frankfort, Ky., returned nine indictments in the Gobel murder case.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

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FLOUR.
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Winter Straights, 3 40 @ 3 50

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Fair to good, 3 15 @ 3 30
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RYE.
No. 2 Western, bushel 60 1/2
State, 56

BARLEY.
Feeding, bushel, 43 @ 45
Maltin, bushel, 49 @ 54

WHEAT.
No. 2 Red, bushel, 73 1/2
No. Northern, bushel, 77

CORN.
No. 2, f o b, afloat, bushel 48 1/2

OATS.
No. 2, per bushel, 31
No. 2, per bushel, 30

PRODUCE.
HAY.
Shipping, hundred lbs., 65 @ 75
Good to choice, do., 80 @ 85

HOPS.
State, 1899 crop, pound, 6
1899 crop, pound, 12 @ 14

WOOL.
Texas, pound, 14 @ 17

BEEF.
Family, hundred, 14 00 @ 14 50
Mess, hundred, 11 50
Beef Hams, hundred, 21 00 @ 21 50

LARD.
Western Steam, hundred, 6 35
Continental, hundred, 6 25 @ 6 30

PORK.
Mess, hundred, 10 25 @ 10 75
Family, hundred, 12 00 @ 12 50

BUTTER.
Western Creamery, lb., 23 @ 25
Factory, per pound, 19 @ 21
State Dairy, per pound, 20 @ 21

CHEESE.
Fancy small, 15 1/2 @ 13
Late made, 11 @ 12

ECZEMA = SATANIC ITCH.



This most aggravating and tormenting of all skin diseases is caused by an acid condition of the blood, and unless relieved through certain instrumentalities too much of this acid poison reaches the skin and it becomes red and inflamed. The itching and burning are almost unbearable, especially when overheated from any cause. The skin seems on fire, sleep or rest is impossible, the desperate sufferer, regardless of consequences, scratches until strength is exhausted.

This burning, itching humor appears sometimes in little pustules, discharging a sticky fluid, which forms crusts and scales. Again the skin is dry, hard and fissured, itches intensely, bleeds and scabs over. This is a painful and stubborn form of the disease.

While Eczema, Tetter, Erysipelas, Salt Rheum and many like troubles are spoken of as diseases of the skin, they are really blood diseases, because

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Mrs. Lela M. Hoffman, of Cardington, Ohio, says she was afflicted with scrofulous sores and eczema from birth. Her face at times became so badly swollen that she was not recognizable, and her limbs and hands were very sore. She was treated by all the doctors in town without being benefited, and in her researches for relief, was told by an old physician to take S. S. S. She followed his advice and was promptly cured, and has never had a return of the disease. This was seventeen years ago. She sincerely believes she would have been in her grave years ago but for S. S. S. and adds, "what it has done for me it will do for others."

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IN PARLOUS TIMES.

Monsters of the Olden Days Had to Be Built with Many Secret Passages.

The onward march of building progress has unearthed many secrets connected with the old-time mansions of this city. The latest to yield up its secrets to the world is the old Hamilton mansion, which has buffeted the storms of a century and a half in Woodlands cemetery, says the Philadelphia Record.

In tearing down some of the side walls the destroyers discovered several ingeniously concealed stairways. These led from secret panels on the ground floor to rooms in the second and third stories. Another secret stairway leads to blind rooms, which also has a secret existence. Why these rooms were built there is much doubt. It is pretty well settled that William Hamilton, who bought the grounds and mansion in 1747, had these secret passages arranged so that he could escape if it became necessary. He was at one time resting under the charge of high treason, and the times about the beginning of the revolution were anything but quiet.

The Hamilton mansion is by no means the only house with these odd retreats. The old Penn house in the Zoological gardens is full of secret passages and stairways. There are passages in that old house that no one living to-day can tell the one-time utility of. If people passed through them it must have been done by lying down and crawling along, for it would admit of progress in no other way.

If the Almighty ever tried to make a man that would please his neighbors, the attempt must have been a failure.

When a tongue-tied woman attempts to talk, it is an utter failure.

The man who is always complaining of having a wife to support, usually lives upon the fruits of her labor at the wash-tub.

There would be no objection to a man parting his hair in the middle if he would only refrain from parting his mouth that way.

About the only way a man can pick out the latest styles in a milliner's show window is by the price cards attached.

Nature requires an immense quantity of quills to make a goose, but a man can make a goose of himself with one quill.

At three score and ten, a man has usually acquired enough wisdom to enable him to acknowledge his ignorance.

Shapely Married Women

Every woman covets a shapely, pretty figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. The bearing of children is very destructive to the mother's shapeliness. This can be avoided, however, by the use of **MOTHER'S FRIEND** before baby comes, as this scientific liniment prepares the body for the strain upon it, and preserves the symmetry of form. **MOTHER'S FRIEND** also obviates all the danger of child-birth, and carries the expectant mother safely through this critical period without pain. It is woman's greatest blessing, and thousands gratefully tell of the great good it has done them. Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per bottle.

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