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PITTSBURG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22, 1903.

NEW PARLIAMENTARY LAW.

It is rather difficult to understand the purpose of the parliamentary point which Speaker Reed and the Republican majority carried yesterday against the Democrats in the House, to the effect that members cannot as a matter of right call for the appointment of tellers. As the minority are still conceded the right to demand the yeas and nays, the issue does not seem to be of great magnitude. But even its unimportance makes it more singular that the Speaker should deem it worth while to insist upon a decision so much at variance with the ordinary usage.

The argument of the Speaker to sustain his ruling is plain enough. It starts first on the premises that the rules of the last House are not binding on the present body. This may be true enough; although the custom that both parties have heretofore adopted of reporting the rules of the proceeding House puts the responsibility for the absence of rules on the Republican party to a very marked degree. The House being without rules the Speaker argues that the House must be governed by general parliamentary law; and that usage, he claims, does not require the appointment of tellers.

But this is just where the Speaker is wrong. Parliamentary law rests on precedent, and the appointment of tellers is just as clearly required by general parliamentary custom as the call for a division, or for the yeas and nays. It is necessary for the prompt transaction of business in large bodies where a single count is liable to error. The chairman of an ordinary meeting who should deny a request for tellers upon a vote of any importance would subject himself to the suspicion of overriding the will of the assembly.

It hardly seems possible that the Republicans have so little regard for the precedent of this slight privilege. If they should attempt any such thing they would lose a great deal more than they would gain by it.

GOOD WEATHER FOR THE CROW.

The people of this section stand a fighting chance of waking up this morning and finding themselves surrounded by a winter's weather. The adverse elements taking advantage of the omission of the weather prophets to formally herald the approach of a cold wave, have turned loose the chilly blasts and freezing temperature which usually usher in the season of real winter. Whether this cold snap will be as transitory as its predecessors is, of course, for time to show; but hope of an ice crop springs eternal in the human breast, and the winter winds that blow in the night, so long as the gas companies provide us with a good pressure, the public will extend as warm a welcome as is consistent with the subject, to weather which will be good for the growth of this year's ice crop.

THE HOMESTEADER OF THE RACE.

The race between the feminine globe trotters is now to be settled on the homestead. Nellie Bly turned up at San Francisco yesterday very nearly on schedule time. So long as the gas companies provide us with a good pressure, the public will extend as warm a welcome as is consistent with the subject, to weather which will be good for the growth of this year's ice crop.

MAYOR PEARSON'S NEW STEP.

Unhappily for the mayor of a city is only too often tied down with political ropes or glued fast to his chair with official dignity. He cannot spread himself with any degree of freedom, and the public, except a small and very vicious portion thereof, see little of him. In the case of Mayor Pearson, however, this is not the case. He is not only free to move about as he pleases, but he is also free to do so in a way that is interesting to the public. He is not only free to move about as he pleases, but he is also free to do so in a way that is interesting to the public.

ABBETT AND HALLOR REFORM.

Governor Abnett, of New Jersey, gives Governor Hill a dig in a vital part, and leaves the carefully trimmed attitude of Governor Campbell, of Ohio, far behind, by a vigorous and thorough advocacy of the reform. The position of the three Democratic Governors leaves the Democratic party, so far as these representatives are concerned, about evenly balanced. One Governor antagonizes the reform, one carefully settles himself on top of the fence and one supports it more positively than the other.

THE SIXTEENTH WARD DEMOCRATS.

In endorsing a ticket composed of Bailey, Morphy and Denison, show themselves to be capable of conducting city politics on a level superior to party partisanship.

THE PORTUGUESE MERCHANTS WHO ARE SHOOTING FOR WIT.

These Portuguese merchants who are shooting for wit with England cannot be dealing in English goods. Otherwise they would perceive that business with Great Britain might cost their nation a greater loss than a disputed section of the Dark Continent. It is the better part of valor to intercalation affairs more than in individual disputes.

PERHAPS PRESIDENT HARRISON WILL SUCCEED.

In making a great record for his administration, he can take down the pretensions of the top-fifty Senators a few notches.

JUSTICE LAMAR THINKS THAT JUSTICES MATTHEWS AND WOOD BOTH DID OVERWORK.

This is strongly against the present crowded condition of Supreme Court business; but then it must be set down to the credit of Justice Matthews and Wood, who have not only done their duty, but have also shown a commendable energy in the discharge of their duties.

THE STATEMENT THAT THE URUSLINE COVENANT WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE.

Some of the most valuable real estate in the city is being offered for sale. The offer is made by the Urusline covenant, which is a valuable piece of property.

NELLIE BLY'S FOOTING ON HER NATIVE SHORE.

Nellie Bly's footing on her native shore, and the amount of money she has made, is a matter of some interest.

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MISS MARY GARRETT IS PROBABLY THE WEALTHIEST SPINSTER IN THE UNITED STATES.

Miss Mary Garrett is probably the wealthiest spinster in the United States. She has a large fortune and is well known.

HOW TO TAKE DEFEAT.

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