

A HORROR WITHOUT PARALLEL

Even in the Intensely Tragic History of the Coke Regions of Western Pennsylvania.

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HARDLY A CHANCE FOR CLOSURE

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THE FALL OF INGALLS.

HOW THE ALLIANCE CAME TO AGREE ON JUDGE PFEFFER.

Scenes in the Legislature When the Ballot Was Taken—The Friends of the Deceased Candidate Confronted With Him—No Plans for the Future.

TOPKA, Jan. 27.—The predictions of the wise men that the Alliance would be unable to agree in caucus upon a candidate, and that failure to agree would disrupt their organization, went wide of the mark. The caucus was no less harmonious than usual after four hours of balloting. The caucus met at 9 o'clock last night, and worked under the strict rule of the order. Eighteen candidates were voted for on the first ballot. Then the allies of the deceased number of votes was dropped from the list. This was repeated on each ballot until a choice was made. When the fifth ballot was taken, these names were voted upon: W. A. Pfeiffer, J. P. Elder, Speaker of the House; John Willis, defeated candidate for Governor; John Davis, Congressman-elect from the Fifth district, and J. W. Bridenbach, defeated candidate for Speaker of the House. Pfeiffer and Willis were dropped from the list, until only Pfeiffer and Elder remained. The final vote stood 26 for Pfeiffer and 38 for Elder.

Never did a Senator appear to be more out of place on the floor of the Senate than Cameron did today. The elderly Congressman, who he had formerly resigned his office as Secretary of War, was a far more welcome figure in familiar circles than the present Cameron among his old associates today. He soon left the chamber and was seen no more.

The Republican Representatives from Pennsylvania, with the exception of Haney and Reburn, are as outspoken today as they were yesterday when denunciation of the Senator. The hope for spontaneous and general action among the Republicans of the State and by the Legislature to compel him to resign.

Such men of unquestioned standing and ability as Daisell, Bayne, Scull, Stone, Townsend and Brosius express emphatically the opinion that if the Republicans of the State will give vent to their real feelings they will compel the resignation of Cameron. But Cameron will not resign, notwithstanding all the outcry. Those who have learned best the character of the man during his residence here laugh at the idea of his resigning.

THE WORLD'S FAIR STATE CHIMES IN.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 27.—The House today the resolution recently presented instructing the Senators from Illinois to vote against the Federal election bill in the Senate. The resolution was introduced by Representative Springer (Dem.), who introduced it, in arguing in favor of its passage. "I say, if our Senators in Washington vote for this bill after this resolution is passed, they are not only voting against the people of Illinois, but they are voting against the people of the United States. I have lived here ever since; all of my belongings are here; all of my children were born in Kansas. My dead sleep in her bosom. I hope to mingle my dust with her soil."

LOST HER HEAD OF HAIR.

A Brooklyn Thief Hobs a School Girl of Her Treasures. NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The man who robbed several Brooklyn school girls of their hair, and who has terrorized about all the girls in that city, found his fifth victim on Monday morning. The girl, Thelma C. Breast, of 363 St. Mark's place, St. Marks street school 15 at Third avenue and Schenck street. Gertrude Breast's hair hung down below her waist, and she had a few minutes after 8 o'clock. A man with a blonde mustache was standing at Fourth avenue and St. Mark's place. When she stepped out of her door, he crossed to her and started after her. It was less than a minute afterward when she felt a pull at her braid and heard what sounded like the click of a pair of shears. Her braid had been cut off. She ran up Fourth avenue and escaped.

PUTTING DEBTS UP FOR SALE.

The Way New York Tailors Will Get Even With Bad Payees. NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The members of the Merchant Tailors' Society have decided to take a desperate step to force their customers to meet their bills promptly. There are about 120 members of the society, and it is reckoned that they have customers who owe them \$100,000. At a recent meeting of the society it was decided to put all these bad bills up for sale and sell them to the highest bidder. The first public sale of the bills was held at the office of the society, and it was reported that the bills were sold for a profit of 10 per cent. The society is now preparing to hold a second public sale of the bills, and it is expected that the bills will be sold for a profit of 20 per cent.

THE DATE OF THE TRANSACTION.

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WEARING INGALLS' TOGA. A Kansas Farmer Defeats the Famous Politician in the First Round.

CAMERON DENOUNCED.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE GIVE VENUE TO THEIR WRATH. Some Think the Senator Made a Mistake, and Some Have Stronger Words—Not Without Defenders Among His Late Adherents.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 27.—Strangely enough Senator Cameron is quite generally criticized today by the members of the Legislature, who, exactly a week ago, re-elected him to the Senate. His standing with his party friends here is undoubtedly weakened. A number of the members are not backward about speaking out.

Senator "Jack" Robinson, who before the joint Republican caucus, nearly three weeks ago, said "having the personal assurance of the Senator from Kansas (Gobin) that Mr. Cameron will support the elections bill, and there being no other candidate in the field, I vote for J. Donald Cameron," had this to say: "The action of Mr. Cameron in the United States Senate yesterday puts the red-letter seal on the three free amendments which were secured by the combination by the price of blood and sorrow and the horror of civil war. Cameron betrayed the Republican party of Pennsylvania."

Senator Gobin, who stood up in the caucus at his own suggestion, and in the authority of Cameron himself, said today: "On the night before the caucus, when Mr. Cameron was at his Harrisburg residence, he sent for me. When I arrived there he asked me to second his nomination in the caucus next morning, as he wanted some of the neighbors of his old family home to perform that duty. I assented, but said to him it seemed to be a peculiar opinion he was not working in harmony with his party on the issue of the elections bill. He then assured me he was sound in his Republican principles; that it was his own private opinion that Mr. Cameron, and said he would certainly vote for the bill. I then asked if the point was raised in the caucus about the elections bill, it is plain to everybody that Mr. Gobin is dreadfully embarrassed and vexed at the promises made by General Gobin and Dick Quay, I think the Legislature has been deceived."

Representatives of Pittsburgh, said it was unexpected, and that Cameron made a mistake. Senator Neeb, of Allegheny, said in reply to a question, that while it looks as if the bill will be passed, it is not to be commended so universally until big reasons are made known. Senators Upperman and Steel had nothing to say. Hon. James L. Graham said: "I was surprised."

Of the other members of the home delegation S. E. Stewart said: "If what Gobin promised was true, then Cameron violated his pledge." Martin Lafferty said he did not believe in the elections bill himself. Mr. Weaver: "Law can't slow down Mr. Marshall. 'I don't think that with the caucus resolutions and the promises of Senator Gobin, Cameron should have done as he has done.'" President Penrose, of the Senate, sticks to Cameron and says he is, no doubt, acting for the best interests of the Republican party. He said that he was greatly heartened by the action of the Senate yesterday and it is the prevailing opinion that if the bill passes the House it will now certainly be signed by the President.

In the silver pool investigation today Mr. David B. Littler was recalled and questioned further regarding the time of Senator Cameron's purchase of silver and of its disposition. Mr. Littler explained that he did not want it understood that \$100,000 worth of silver was exactly the amount that the Senator purchased. It might have been somewhat less for it was purchased in pieces. Mr. Cameron told him that the check for the margin put up \$8,000 was dated May 1. He had talked with a great many people on the silver question while in Washington last year, but had no interest in purchases and did not (of his recollection), suggest to a member of the House or Senate to buy Government official the buying of silver.

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