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CONGRESS.

What is Going On at the National Capital.

The House will devote most of the time this week to the Urgent Deficiency and Pension Appropriation bills. The former measure may raise the whole Philippine question for debate.

The Hepburn bill for the construction of the Nicaraguan Canal has been reported favorably by the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. It carries an appropriation of \$140,000,000.

In the Senate Jan. 11 there was a spirited debate over the resolutions calling upon the President for information as to the affairs of the Philippines. Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, declared that a systematic effort was being made to prevent accurate information from reaching the people, and that it was a political scheme to further the candidacy of Mr. McKinley for renomination and re-election.

The debate was terminated by a resumption of consideration of the Currency bill. Mr. Stewart, of Nevada, made an elaborate speech on the question of the national finances. The bill conferring additional powers upon the Director of the Census, and a bill increasing the limit of cost of the Indianapolis public building were passed.

Impressive tributes were paid by the Senate Jan. 10 to the memory of Vice-President Hobart. Many personal friends and party opponents were numbered among the dozen Senators who joined in the eulogies. Mr. Hale introduced a resolution of inquiry as to the seizure of the American flour by British vessels, but it was not acted on.

Representative Levy, of New York, has introduced a bill to provide for the payment of interest on all internal revenue receipts now on deposit, or hereafter deposited in national banks of the United States.

In the Senate Mr. Beveridge, of Indiana, made an address Jan. 9, embodying his observations in the Philippines and his views as to the policy to be pursued by the United States. Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, replied briefly, challenging Mr. Beveridge's statement that the Filipinos were incapable of self-government.

The House Committee on Naval Affairs has selected Representative Foss, of Illinois, as acting chairman, pending the absence of Mr. Boutelle. Senator Penrose has introduced a bill appropriating \$5,000,000 for the construction of public roads in the United States, the money to be distributed among the several states in proportion to the mileage of their roads.

At a caucus of Democrats of the House of Representatives it has been decided to appoint a "steering committee," which would have power to formulate Democratic policy on legislation to come before Congress.

Senator Pettigrew has offered a resolution in the United States Senate authorizing to offer mediation between Great Britain and South Africa. The House has adopted resolutions for an inquiry into the charge that polygamists have been appointed Federal office in Utah, and into the conduct of United States army officers during the Wardner, Idaho, riots.

Friends of the free rural delivery system in Congress express the belief that the postoffice appropriation bill should carry \$1,000,000 for an extension of the system. Last year the appropriation was \$300,000.

The Secretary of War has sent to Congress a request for an urgent deficiency appropriation of \$750,000 to supplement the \$1,500,000 heretofore appropriated for the repatriation of the Spanish prisoners and their families held by the Filipino insurgents.

The President has created a new military department, consisting of the Territory of Alaska, and assigned Col. George M. Randall, Eight Infantry, to command. Col. Randall will be commissioned a Brigadier General of Volunteers.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections has taken favorable action upon Senator Chandler's resolution prohibiting the appointment of Senators, Representatives and United States Judges to perform executive functions. It has also decided, by a vote of 4 to 3, to make an adverse report on the resolution to seat ex-Senator Quay. It has likewise begun its investigation of the charges of bribery made in connection with the election of Senator Clark, of Montana.

FIRE RECORD.

The rolling mill of the Danville and Bessemer Steel Company, at Danville, was damaged by fire Jan. 13 to the extent of \$50,000.

The barns of the South Chicago Railroad were burned in Hammond, Indiana, Jan. 9. Thirty-two cars were destroyed. The loss, fully covered by insurance, is put at \$130,000.

In a fire which destroyed the Newark City Home, 207 children, experienced in the fire drill, marched in safety from the building.

Eleven business houses and one dwelling at Prairie Depot, an Ohio oil village, were burned on Sunday night.

Life of a Foreign Guard on a Train

Not a Happy One--Mandarin's Servants Without Tickets Take Possession of a First-Class Carriage.

Mr. Cox, who was recently assaulted near Peking, has had many similar experiences during the dozen years he has been railroad building in the Chihli province, and has only extricated himself by dint of tact, pluck and good humor. He has practically for years carried his life in his hand.

Several years ago, for instance, during floods, a mob, led by the soldiery of Lutai, a military camp near Tien-Tsin, cut the railway embankment and destroyed seven miles of line, their officers encouraging them, and the enlightened Viceroy Li Hung Chang, in his yamen, a few miles off, "layin' low and sayin' nuffin'." The cause alleged was that the embankment prevented the flood water from running off, which as there were frequent outlets, was utter nonsense. Previous to that attempts had been made to wreck trains, and the lives of the foreign employes were constantly threatened.

The life, too, of the foreign guard on a train is not always a happy one. Mandarin's servants without tickets take possession of a first-class carriage, eat, drink and sleep in it. Perhaps they light a pan of charcoal to warm themselves, if the weather is cold. Charcoal has certain asphyxiating effects; the other passengers complain, and the servants have to be ejected. Too much violence might lead to a general attack on foreigners and another Tien-Tsin massacre, while too little would not be effective. The unhappy guard has to follow the "happy" mean between a good, hard push and a mild knock-down blow.

There have, of course, been many ludicrous, as well as dangerous, accidents on the North China line. When it was first opened Chinese would come to the booking office and try to bargain for tickets. When told the fare, they would offer half, and gradually raise their bid, much disgusted that they should not, in a business spirit, be met half way.

One day a country gentleman, on his first ride in a train, seeing his house midway between two stations, flying past, deliberately opened the door and stepped out into space. At the pace the train was going a European would certainly have been killed, but the supple celestial, after a prolonged series of somersaults, was seen to pick himself and bundle up, dust his clothes, and set off home across the fields, much pleased with his short cut and the convenience of the "fire-wheel carriage."

An unfortunate railway coolie, equally ignorant of the laws of mechanics, did not get off so well. Seeing two trucks coming at a snail's pace down a siding, he placed his foot on the rail to stop them. To his astonishment, it was cut off, and he learned, like Stephenson's cow, that momentum is made up of mass as well as velocity.

But, in spite of everything, railways are bound to prosper in a country where traveling is otherwise so slow and so difficult, cars and ponies in the north and boats in the south never doing more than thirty to forty miles between dawn and dark.

First Names

In 1379 more than half the men were called John or William, says a writer in Notes and Queries, while more than three-quarters were called either John, William, Thomas, Richard or Robert, which in common parlance must have been Jack, Will, Tom, Dick or Rob, since among the commonest patronymics are Jackson, Wilson, Thompson, Dixon and Robson. Other names are less usual, Henry and Adam being each three per cent., Roger and Hugh are only two per cent., while Walter, Simon, Ralph, and Nicholas are one per cent. Still fewer are Geoffrey, Alan, and Stephen; Dennis and Jacob occur only once in four hundred names, Martin and Peter once in eight hundred.

In the thirteenth century William is the commonest name. In the fourteenth and following centuries John is first, with William second. Thus in Bishop Hatfield's survey forty per cent. of the men are named John, followed by William with twenty-two per cent., while if we add Robert and Thomas, eighty per cent. of all the men's names are accounted for.

From the York wills it appears that in 1636 John heads the list with sixteen per cent. William follows close behind with fifteen per cent. Thomas is twelve per cent., followed by Richard and Robert with eight per cent. each. Henry and George are only half as numerous; still fewer are Roger, Ralph, Nicholas, Edward, James, Charles, Francis, Humphrey, Anthony, Gilbert, Lawrence and Joseph.

Orphans' Court Sale.

By order of the Orphans' Court of Sullivan County, I will expose to public sale on the premises at Glen Sharon; in the township of Davidson, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st day of JAN., A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m. the following real estate to wit:

A lot in the village of GLEN SHARON, in Davidson township, Sullivan County, Penna. Beginning at a corner on south side of Sharon street at a corner, two hundred and fifty-eight feet from Park avenue and running parallel with said avenue two hundred feet to Mill St. thence along Mill street thirty feet east; thence north and parallel with first line two hundred feet to Sharon street; thence along Sharon street thirty feet to the place of beginning, containing an area of six thousand square feet, on which there is erected a framed cottage, late the property of Mary McClain, deed.

Terms of Sale:--One-fourth of the purchase money on striking down of the property and the balance on confirmation of the sale.

Also at same time and place will be sold the personal property of the decedent as follows: Bed room suit and bedding, bureau, wash bowls and pitchers, bedstead; stand and looking glass, carpet, trunks, dishes, knives, forks, single bed and bedding, stove, boiler, tables, chairs, table spreads, napkins, towels, millinery goods, books, sitting room furniture, and other articles too numerous to mention.

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Charter Notice.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to Hon. E. M. Dunham, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan County, on the 20th day of January, 1899, for the charter of a corporation to be called "The Citizens Cornet Band" of Lopez, Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, the character and object of which is for the purpose of promoting a knowledge of the art and science of music, to furnish music and entertainment for the public of Lopez, Pennsylvania, and of having a permanent organization known as "The Citizens Cornet Band," of Lopez, Sullivan Co. Pa.

A. J. BRADLEY, Solicitor, Laporte, Pa., Dec. 19, 1899.

AUDITORS NOTICE

In re Estate of Balbjna Billian Tubach, deceased; In Orphans Court of Sullivan County; The undersigned auditor appointed by said Court, to pass upon the exceptions filed to the account of Phillip Tubach Administrator etc. and to distribute the fund as shown by his account filed; will attend to the duties of his appointment on Friday, February 2, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m. at his office in Dushore, Pa., when and where all persons interested in, or having claims upon said account must present them or be forever debarred from coming in upon the same. JOHN H. CHONIN, Auditor

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