

CULLOM RETIRES WITHOUT REGRET

**Illinois Man Has Held Senate
Seat For Twenty-nine Years.**

WELCOMES CHANCE TO QUIT.

**Poorer Now Than When He Entered
Congress Nearly Half Century Ago.
Is Eighty-two Years Old and Says He
Will Go Way Back and Sit Down.**

Senator Shelly M. Cullom of Illinois will leave congress after nearly fifty years of continuous service without regret on his own account or bitterness toward any man. The venerable Illinois Republican will end twenty-nine years of service in the senate a poorer man than when he took his seat in that body. By some it is said that the Illinois senator is almost entirely dependent on his salary.

In acknowledging his defeat in the Illinois primaries Senator Cullom appeared the most cheerful loser imaginable. Senators crowded around his seat in the senate to express their regret, but he smiled and assured them it was all for the best. Senator Cullom is one of the best loved men in the senate, and his defeat was taken to heart by the employees. His retirement will just about be the end of the so-called old guard in the senate. First Aldrich went, then Hale of Maine; death claimed Elkins of West Virginia and Frye of Maine, and now Cullom of Illinois goes. These great changes in the senate have occurred within a year.

Glad He's Through.

"Yes, I am defeated," said Senator Cullom. "I am through, and I am glad of it. I did not want to be a candidate again. I told the boys so, but they seemed to think I owed it to them to go in once more. Well, like Sullivan, I went in the ring once too often. Wasn't that what Sullivan said? You see, I am eighty-two years old. If I had been re-elected I would have been eighty-three when I took office again. Frankly, a man who serves as long as I have in public life ought to be willing to quit at eighty-three, don't you think so?"

"Some of the boys in Illinois told me to make the race, and when it was over if I lost, as I told them in advance I thought I would, they said they would see that I got an appointive office. But I said to them: 'No. If I am to be defeated, I told them, 'I would welcome the opportunity to quit.' I will now 'go away back and sit down,' as they say in the song. I will not have a great many years more to live, and I can afford to spend them in rest and retirement. The state of Illinois has been good to me. Everybody has been kind and good to me. You newspaper men, most of all, have been good to me. Why, the kind things you have written about me have made me cry sometimes."

Get Poorer Each Year.

"I have been getting a little poorer financially every year I have been in office. I have less property today than I had the day I left Springfield, nearly thirty years ago, to take my seat in the senate. Perhaps that is my fault. Some men think of investments and have good business sense. I never thought of things of that kind."

"I would not know how to go about making money. I never had any taste for it. Some of you boys say that my lack of property after a life in office is due to my honesty, but other men, just as honest, in public life made money. And they have made it honestly. I am not ready to condemn men with sagacity and foresight enough to make investments that result in profits that will provide for themselves and their families in their old age or support dependent relatives after they are gone. I simply did not like to think about business. I found pleasure in the kind of life I led. My tastes were simple. My family, like myself, preferred a simple life. So it was agreeable for me to go along with out any thought of money making."

TROOPS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Reorganization of Division to Be Completed by July 1.

At the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1 the proposed reorganization of the Philippines division of the army will have been completed. There will remain to garrison the islands two regiments of cavalry and four of infantry, a reduction by one-half of the number of regiments now maintained there. Those remaining will be recruited up to full war strength, which will give them practically the same number of rifles as the twelve regiments now have.

The movement homeward has already begun. The Fourteenth cavalry and Third infantry are now on the way to the United States, the Twenty-first infantry will embark from Manila April 15, the Second cavalry and Nineteenth infantry May 15 and the Sixth and Ninth infantry June 15. This movement is in line with the proposal to keep permanent regiments in the Philippines, changing only the officers whose tour of duty will be increased to three years.

A list of officers is being made at the war department, and those having the least foreign service will be the first picked for duty away from the station to fill vacancies as they occur.

BUYS LAND ALONG CALICOON CREEK—STATE TO BUILD HUGH RESERVOIR.

It's just one continual mystery after another in this building dams in the Delaware business, and its either an enormous undertaking or its one of the most colossal fakes since the days of the Cardiel Giant, says the Callicoon Democrat.

For the past week two men, apparently speculators, have been trying to secure options on all the land from the mouth of Callicoon creek up to Hortonville. They have already secured a three months option on the Faubel property on the dug-way just above Major Rose's and have made offers for the Graebner property across the creek. George Higgin's property near the proposed dam and Mrs. Rosenberger's hotel and land. We understand that they gave \$115 an acre for the Faubel piece which is a very steep hill and mostly stone; land that is of no use except for the stone it contains.

There has been considerable speculation as to the reason for these offers, and it has been reported that the State was to erect a dam at this place and flood the whole Hortonville as far as North Branch and make it a huge reservoir to supply the river during the summer when the water is always low, and also to utilize it for power purposes. This does not seem possible for as yet the State has made no surveys nor has a map of the proposed undertaking been made, similar to the ones which have been made for the Delaware river undertaking. It may be possible that speculators are taking a chance on the State buying this property when they start the river dams; but the chance seems a long one and very unlikely.

The Conservation bill which we spoke of in last week's Democrat, was defeated in the Assembly and therefore no legislation will be enacted in regard to the Delaware river dams until next year at least. The men who have been trying to secure options on land along the creek have not desisted since the bill was defeated, but are going right ahead and it is possible that they have something else in view.

PAUPACK.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Paupack, April 12.

The White school closed Wednesday, April 12. The entertainment was held Tuesday evening and the following program was rendered: Vacation song, school; recitation, "American Flag," Edith Gumble; recitation, "Pussy Willow," Frances Singer; recitation, "Mine Family," Floyd Gumble; dialogue, "Grammatical Difficulties," Blanche Fowler, Dorothy Gumble; recitation, "Faithless," Nelly Gray, Anna Gumble; reading, "Innocents Abroad," Florence Schultz; song, "Star Spangled Banner," school; recitation, "Boys," Leland Gumble; recitation, "Ride of Collins Graves," Hilda Vetterlein; reading, "Mark Twain's Watch," Arthur Triveliece; dialogue, "Mrs. Beabody's Boarder," five girls and two boys; recitation, "Setting a Hen," Robert Schultz; duet, "Blow of Lovely Zephyr," Hilda Vetterlein and Blanche Fowler; recitation, "Too Many of Us," Edna Singer; dialogue, "Nameless," Mr. Schultz, Arthur Triveliece, Lawrence Singer and Joe Gumble; recitation, "Smile Whenever You Can," Louise Singer; dialogue, "Pat's Excuse," Blanche F. and Hilda Vetterlein; recitation, "A Yankee in Love," Norman Swingle; song, "Farewell," school.

Rev. S. Treat preached a most interesting Easter sermon last Sunday. Mrs. Bennett visited Mrs. R. Huff, Tafton, last week.

Laura and Edson Green are staying with their grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Killam.

B. F. Killam went to Scranton this week.

Shiny Mount school closed Tuesday, the 9th.

Lois Carlton and Mildred Brink, of Greentown, are employed by B. F. Killam.

The L. A. S. was held with Mrs. Edw. Probst, Thursday.

Dorothea and Warren Gumble spent Saturday with their cousin, Helen J. Killam.

SEELYVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schott, of Lackawaxen, spent several days of last week with their son, George, of this place.

Emanuel Holland has purchased the T. L. Green property.

Marie Hartwick spent Easter with her brother, Adam, of Clarks Summit.

Edna Sonn, a student of the Scranton Business College, is spending her vacation at her home here.

A few of Clarence Purdy's friends gave him a surprise on Wednesday evening, it being the anniversary of his birth.

Charles Ordnung, who has been working in Deposit, is home on a visit.

Dorothy Dean entertained a number of her friends at "500" on Friday evening.

Miss Laura Malin and Ida Sprandel, of Scranton, spent Sunday with Rose Hahn.

KELLAM & BRAMAN.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Rev. F. Bowen has been returned to us to another year.

Hamilton Braman left last Monday on his way to Carthage, N. Y. He will visit some relatives at Masonville and Binghamton.

Elma and Helen Kent, of Port Jervis spent a few days last week with their grandmother, Mrs. Mary White.

Our school has closed. Our teacher, Miss Woolheater, will be greatly missed as she has been so much help and superintendent of the Sunday school the past winter.

Mrs. James Kemp has gone to Binghamton to visit her son for a two weeks' rest.

Frederick Hineman, of Port Jervis, visited at Louis Rauner's over Sunday.

The L. A. S. met at Mrs. Louis Rauner's April 4, and was well attended. Forty-three were present, and the proceeds were \$5.35.

The supper held at the Braman church was success socially and financially. Proceeds \$14.80.

Miss Addie Rauner is visiting her brother, Frank, in Susquehanna.

The Escape OUT OF THE JAWS OF DEATH

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CHAPTER VII.

Walked a half mile to the rear, then gradually made demonstrations, similar to troops marching, getting louder and more of it nearing the bridge until the first comrade received the challenge, Halt! We were now strong out a quarter of a mile. The first in line gave his command, halt—the second farther back, halt; the third still farther in the rear the same, and so on until we could scarcely hear the last man. It sounded like a regiment marching. And when the answer to the challenge was given by Capt. Meany whose coarse, rough voice answered to the command, "Who comes there?" His answer, "The advance of Sherman's army," "Forward!" "Forward!" Each comrade commander repeating the command, "Forward!"

All we could discern was a quick rustle at the bridge gathering their accoutrements and dashing away down along the river bank. We had by our ruse captured their bridge, baggage and stores, which consisted of little hoe cake in a dilapidated haversack.

That we were not in a district where they had trailing hounds was known to us from information gained through the darkies on our back course. We decided after a considerable controversy that upon their discovery of our bare foot-prints in the mud on the approach to the bridge, they would understand our ruse and would be certain to summon every available person to join in the hunt for escaped Yankees.

Crossing the bridge and walking a mile on the muddy road, making our trail very plain, we gradually turned towards the timber on our left and after reaching the brush, carefully, we returned to the bridge, leaving no distinguishable evidence of our march over the fallen leaves, passing under it through the water and coming up the bank some two hundred feet to the right we found a thicket near the bank where we could watch the bridge. Here we slept till morning.

Durbrow had a small chunk of corn bread in his sack which would provide food for the time being—at least sustain life for 24 hours, little less than the ration we sometimes received in Libby for that length of time.

It would be uninteresting to the reader were I to record every little event that occurred along our route. More especially that of obtaining food, which was first of importance in this struggle for liberty. But I will say, we were very well provided for, such as it was, mostly corn bread furnished by the slaves, the black men and the loyal union man or woman, until we reached the North Carolina mountains.

To be sure some days we would become weak for want of food but seldom of long duration until in the mountains.

I have endeavored in this narrative to publish the most important and perilous circumstances confining my words to the exact conditions at all times where some of less interest might probably detract and grow tiresome.

The rays from the warm sun the next morning made us feel quite cheerful; and that we had accomplished so many miles successfully, each comrade in comparatively good health, and again this was far preferable to our remaining as prisoners, even though at times we suffered so much. The great hope we entertained, the liberty that would be our reward, were we successful, gave us strength, energy and daring that might be lessened under any other circumstances.

There were times when we became irritable, peevish and contrary in our deliberations, as to the best course to pursue, and will call to the mind of my comrades who were with me in this distress, where two actually fought, but restored to each other their comradeship in tears.

It was but a little while after we awoke when seven men on horses made their appearance near the opposite approach, examined our tracks, crossed the bridge and disappeared on our trail.

We felt confident it would lead them on towards the mountains. Therefore, we would remain in our hiding place until night, giving them an opportunity to get far ahead on the course they naturally would suppose we had gone, as the direction was nearer to our outposts than any other through the Carolinas from where we came.

In the middle of the afternoon we heard a cow bell. Nearer it came and to our surprise from the same direction in which we had come. On peering through the bushes, our joy was great, as an aged black man walking in our tracks, making close observations at every bush until in front of our seclusion, looking squarely at our thicket. We parted the bushes so that he could see us. Every feature of his face lit up with a joyous smile as he rang the cow bell furiously. He gave signs of his deafness. Presently on top of the bank came his wife, who in a low tone explained that her husband was void of speech but could hear some. He had taken the bell to warn her should he discover us first. The home guard had stopped at their cabin on the road some miles and a half distant, inquiring if they had

teaching at Watervelt, N. Y., is spending her Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Skinner, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Tyler have moved in their new house.

W. J. Tyler is moving to Kenoza Lake, N. Y., where Mr. Tyler has rented a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler will be missed, and we are sorry to have them leave the neighborhood.

Mesdames W. D. and W. B. Yerkes entertained the Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church last Wednesday.

Mrs. Rudolph Hipe, of Callicoon, N. Y., recently visited her parents.

Mrs. Henry Stadler, of Narrowsburg, spent the last of the week with Mrs. A. Baird.

The Easter service at the Baptist church was well attended.

Those who attended the surprise party at A. Baird's on Saturday evening had a very pleasant time at their cozy home.

Miss Mabel Skinner returned from Binghamton on Wednesday morning.

Carl Kessler, who has been employed by M. L. Skinner for the past two years, will work at Tyler Hill for Joe Abraham this summer.



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